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†**automatary**, *a.* Obs. [see prec.] AUTOMATIC.  
1652 URQUHART *Jewel Wks.* (1834) 266, I can no better compare him then to an automatary engine. 1653 —  
Rabelais i. xxiv, Automataries Engines..moving of themselves.

†**automate**, *sb.* and *a.* Obs. [a. F. *automate* (Cotgr.), ad. L. *automaton*, -um.]

*A. sb.* = AUTOMATON.  
a 1649 DRUMM. of HAWTH. *James III Wks.* 61 Taken with admiration of watches, clocks, dials, automates. a 1751 BOLINGBROKE *Hum. Knowl.* i. (R.) We pronounce our fellow animals to be automates, or we allow them instinct.

*B. adj.* [Cf. F. *automate*, adj.] = AUTOMATIC.  
1818 SOUTHEY in *Q. Rev.* XIX. 18 His scheme of a Royal Garden comprehended...artificial echos, automate and hydraulic music.

**automate** (ˈɔːtmənt), *v.* orig. U.S. [Back-formation f. next or f. AUTOMATION; cf. AUTOMATE *sb.* and *a.*] 1. *trans.* To apply automation to; to convert to largely automatic operation; to introduce automatic control to (the manufacture of a product, etc.).

1954 N. Y. *Times* 4 May (heading) Huge Sums to Be Spent to Automate Plants. 1959 *Listener* 5 Nov. 762/2 In theory...management in steel has the right to automate the mills without interference. 1961 *Times* 3 Oct. (Computer Suppl.) ii/5 The first stage in 'automating' a production plant is to increase mechanization. 1962 *Listener* 17 May 855/1 It is natural that we should try to programme, or automate, part of the teacher's work [by the use of teaching machines].

2. *intr.* or *absol.*  
1955 *Controller Dec.* 602/2 PanAm Automates. 1962 *Economist* 19 May 693/1 Those days saw the country 'automating' considerably faster than it is doing now. 1967 *Listener* 23 Feb. 248/1 The more we automate, the greater the resources needed.

**'automated**, *ppl.* *a.* orig. U.S. [Back-formation f. AUTOMATION.] 1. In senses of the verb (see prec.).

1952 *Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer* 13 Apr. 12 Another 'automated' line, less spectacular than the block line, machines the cylinder head. 1954 *Economist* 6 Nov. 466 (heading) Automated Giants. 1962 *Observer* 15 July 3/5 An automated laundry which washes, rinses and irons in a continuous process. 1962 *Cath. Gaz.* Nov. 320/1 A society is automated when its production is dominated by machines to the extent that machines are given a priority over men in the performance of human tasks. 1967 KARCH & BUBER *Offset Processes* xii. 506 A Lawson automated-spacing power paper cutter.

2. Special collocation: **automated teller machine** (orig. U.S.) = **automatic teller machine** s.v. AUTOMATIC *a.* 2; abbrev. *A.T.M.* s.v. A III. 1.

1974 *Computers & People* Aug. 35/1 Installations of cash-dispensing and 'automated teller machines in proliferation by both thrifts and commercial banks. 1986 *Amer. Banker* 13 Aug. 4/2 He's been actively shopping bank certificate of deposit rates, and uses your automated teller machines often.

**automath** (ˈɔːtmæθ), *rare.* [ad. Gr. *αὐτομάθης*, f. *αὐτο-* self + *-μάθης* learned, f. *μαθ-δν-ειν*, *μαθ-* to learn.] A self-taught person, an autodidact.

1759 *Young Conject. Orig. Comp.* 292 Those Automaths, those self taught Philosophers.

**automatic** (ˈɔːtmætɪk), *a.* [f. Gr. *αὐτοματός* (see AUTOMATON) + -IC.] Of the nature of, or pertaining to, an automaton.

1. *lit.* Self-acting, having the power of motion or action within itself.

1812 *Sir H. Davy Chem. Philos.* 180 In the universe, nothing can be said to be automatic. 1876 *FOSTER Phys.* (1879) Intro. 2 We may therefore speak of the amoeba as being irritable and automatic. (Note. Automatic...has recently acquired a meaning almost exactly opposite to that which it originally bore, and an automatic action is now by many understood to mean nothing more than an action produced by some machinery or other. In this work I use it in the older sense, as denoting an action of a body, the causes of which appear to lie in the body itself.)

2. *a.* Self-acting under conditions fixed for it, going of itself. Applied esp. to machinery and its movements, which produce results otherwise done by hand, or which simulate human or animal action, as an 'automatic mouse.' **automatic direction finder**, one in which the bearing is determined automatically; **automatic following** (see AUTO-following); **automatic landing** (Aeronaut.), a landing in which the pilot is guided by instruments and not by visual observation; **automatic machine**, spec. a slot machine; **automatic observer** (Aeronaut.) (see quot. 1950); **automatic parachute** (see quot. 1951); **automatic pilot**, a device in an aircraft for maintaining a set course and height (cf. AUTOPILOT); **automatic stabilizer**, a device in an aircraft for maintaining a set attitude; cf. **auto-stabilizer** (AUTO-<sup>1</sup> b); **automatic teller (machine)** (orig. U.S.), a machine (usu. linked to a computer) that automatically provides cash or performs other functions of a bank cashier when a special card is inserted; cf. *A.T.M.* s.v. A III. 1; **automatic train control**, a system which in appropriate circumstances provides an audible

warning in the driver's cab of a locomotive; **automatic transmission** (cf. TRANSMISSION d), an automatic gear-changing system in a motor vehicle; **automatic volume control** (abbrev. *A.V.C.*), also **automatic frequency control** (abbrev. *A.F.C.*), **gain control** (*A.G.C.*): devices used in radio for regulating a frequency or signal; **automatic writing** (see 6).

1940 *Chambers's Techn. Dict.* 61/2 Automatic direction-finder. 1951 *Gloss. Aeronaut. Terms* (B.S.I.) iii. 27 **Automatic direction finder**, an airborne equipment designed to indicate automatically the bearing of a continuous-wave ground beacon relative to the bearing of the aircraft. 1946 *Jrnl. Inst. Electr. Engin.* XCIII. iii. 17/1 Automatic-following radar...was of the essence of the A.A. gunnery successes against flying bombs. 1950 *Gloss. Terms Radar* (B.S.I.) 7 **Automatic following**, automatic aiming with the addition of automatic range measurement. 1935 *Proc. Inst. Radio Engineers* XXIII. 1125 (title) Automatic Frequency Control. *Ibid.* 1133 (diagram) From AFC bias. 1930 *Proc. Inst. Radio Engineers* XVIII. 633 Those components...which fade in and out, can be maintained at what approaches a constant level by means of the automatic gain control. 1942 *Electronic Engin.* XV. 216 A fault of most communications receivers is the inability to use A.G.C. when the B.F.O. is switched on. 1938 *Jrnl. R. Aeronaut. Soc.* XLII. 505 No mention had been made of the automatic landing, which seemed to represent the development of this science which was now engaging the attention of American experts. 1958 *Times* 17 Oct. 3/4 More than 2,000 completely automatic landings, some in thick fog and others in strong cross-winds, have been made. 1903 *SHAW Man & Superman* i. 14 A box of matches will come out of an automatic machine when I put a penny in the slot. 1872 *YEATS Techn. Hist. Comm.* 370 Automatic machinery [for]...the drilling and boring of metal. 1936 *Aircraft Engin.* Dec. 330/2 An 'automatic observer' was not employed from considerations of weight. 1950 *Gloss. Aeronaut. Terms* (B.S.I.) i. 41 **Automatic observer**, an apparatus for recording automatically the readings of a specified set of instruments in flight. [1919 E. R. Callthrop's *Aerial Patents Book* 24 The 'Guardian Angel' Parachute, in all its different types, is instantly automatic.] 1951 *Gloss. Aeronaut. Terms* (B.S.I.) iii. 13 **Automatic parachute**, a parachute which is withdrawn from its pack by a static line. 1916 *Aeronautics* 13 Sept. 175 The Sperry automatic pilot. 1921 *Ibid.* 3 Feb. 76/2 The automatic pilot...enables the pilot of an aeroplane to leave the machine entirely to its own devices. 1944 'N. SHUTE' *Pastoral* iv. 91 Marshall sat motionless at the controls, flying upon the automatic pilot. 1842 W. GROVE *Corr. Phys. Forces* 57 Automatic or self-registration of periodical phenomena. 1909 *Flight* 17 July 434/2 The automatic stabiliser must...show a strong and immediate tendency to return to its proper normal working position under all conditions. 1950 *Gloss. Aeronaut. Terms* (B.S.I.) i. 41 **Automatic stabiliser**, an automatic pilot adjusted to provide increased aerodynamic stability to the aircraft. 1802 *PALEY Nat. Theol.* iii. The difference between an animal and an automatic statue. 1971 *Amer. Banker* 31 Aug. 8/3 Depositors seal their deposits in envelopes which are provided and insert them in the 'automatic teller', which flashes a Thank You sign and issues a receipt. 1977 *Science* 18 Mar. 1116/1 Automatic teller machines (ATMs) for commercial banking being developed are in various stages of pilot testing. 1983 N. Y. *Times* 15 May 15 About 1,300 automatic teller machines are now in use at American supermarkets. a 1885 *Mod. A Sewing Machine* with automatic tension. 1912 *Railway Gaz.* 12 July 40/2 Automatic Train Control Demonstration.

...The ramps are so electrically connected that either of two signals are given on the engine—a clear signal or a danger as the train proceeds. 1936 *Economist* 25 Jan. 178/2 Security against collisions of this kind can only be provided by a combination of track-circuiting...and automatic train control. 1946 W. H. CROUSE *Automatic Mechanisms* xvii. 403 The Hydra-Matic drive, supplied on Cadillac and Oldsmobile cars as special equipment, combines the fluid drive with an automatic transmission that has four forward and one reverse speed. 1961 *Autocar* 29 Sept. 471/1 A conventional clutch and three-speed gearbox costs less than an automatic transmission. 1930 *Proc. Inst. Radio Engineers* XVIII. 321 The severe fluctuation of the signal...indicates the desirability of some form of automatic volume control. 1933 *Pract. Wireless* 25 Nov. 545 The way in which A.V.C. operates does not seem to be widely understood.

b. Of a firearm: furnished with mechanism for successively and continuously loading, firing, and ejecting a cartridge as long as ammunition is supplied.

1877 *Independent* (U.S.) 5 July 20/2 Smith & Wesson's automatic revolvers. 1902 *Encycl. Brit.* XXX. 401/2 In the modern 'automatic' machine gun the loading, firing, extracting, and ejecting are all performed automatically by the gun itself. *Ibid.* XXXII. 649/2 No nation has yet armed her forces with an automatic rifle. *Ibid.* 658/2 The Colt Automatic Pistol, calibre .38.

c. Of a telephone exchange or system: operated by automatic switches (opp. *manual*). Also, designating a telephone instrument fitted with a dial.

1879 M. D. CONNOLLY et al. *U.S. Pat.* 222,458, We...have jointly invented a certain new and useful Automatic Telephone-Exchange...so constructed and arranged that any member of the exchange may...place himself in direct communication with any disengaged member of the exchange. 1914 W. ATKINS *Princ. Automatic Telephony* i In an automatic system of telephony it is required that the subscriber shall be able to obtain connection with any other subscriber without the intervention of an operator at the exchange. 1934 *Discovery* Mar. 58/2 The automatic telephone...has not been an unqualified blessing. 1955 *Oxf. Jm. Encycl.* VIII. 433/2 In an automatic exchange, the connexion to the required line is made by mechanical selectors.

3. Of animal actions: Like those of mechanical automatons; not accompanied by volition or consciousness, 'mechanical.'

1748 HARTLEY *Observ. Man* i. Intro. d. The Motions are called automatic from their Resemblance to the Motions of Automata, or Machines, whose Principle of Motion is within themselves. 1855 BAIN *Senses & Int.* i. ii. §18 The winking of the eyes is essentially automatic. 1871 tr. *Pouchet's Universel* 106 The automatic nature of insects has only been maintained by those who have never observed them.

4. Not characterized by active intelligence; merely mechanical.

1843 J. MARTINEAU *Chr. Life* (1876) 60 To rest in mere automatic regularities. 1855 MILMAN *Lat. Chr.* ii. iii. vi. 95 Mechanical and automatic acts of devotion.

5. Relating to automatons; AUTOMATICAL.

1860 WRAXALL tr. *R. Houdin v.* 50 He gave me the automaton I was to repair...I began my first automatic labours.

6. **Spiritualism.** Of or pertaining to automatism (sense 4); performed by unconscious, subconscious, or occult action.

1883 W. S. MOSES *Spirit-Teachings* Intro. 1 Automatic Writing is a well-known method of communication with the invisible world of what we loosely call Spirit. 1884 *Proc. Soc. Psychical Research* II. 226, I wished to know if I were myself an automatic writer, or so-called writing medium. 1889 BARKWORTH in *Proc. Soc. Psychical Research* Dec. 85 It is only the execution and not the initiation of the movements which is automatic, the suggestion for them being external to the subject's own personality. 1890 W. JAMES *Princ. Psychol.* i. viii. 209 Certain trance-subjects who were also automatic writers. 1934 *Archit. Rev.* LXXV. 215/1 Mr. Cooper's picture, on the other hand, might almost be a piece of automatic writing.

7. *Art.* Applied to a form of painting performed by the technique of 'automatism' (see AUTOMATISM 5).

1951 A. HILL *Painting out Illness* xi. 74, I deny that true automatic pictures can be produced while both the eye and hand in subconscious conjunction are said to be 'employed'. 1960 E. H. GOMBRICH *Art & Illusion* x. 358 The modern painter may use what he calls 'automatic painting', the creation of Korschach blots, in order to stimulate the mind...towards fresh inventions.

**automatic** (ˈɔːtmætɪk), *sb.* [f. prec.]

1. Abbreviation of **automatic pistol**, *gun*, etc.: see AUTOMATIC *a.* 2 b.

1902 *Sears Catal.* (ed. 112) 305/2 Forehand Perfection Automatic, small frame, rebounding lock. 1914 G. ATHERTON *Perch of Devil* ii. vii. 269 I've even bought an automatic. I suppose...I should call it a gun. 1920 *Blackw. Mag.* Aug. 154/1 A German automatic hung at his side. 1945 *Diamond Track* (Army Board, N.Z.) 35/1 Everything was thrown into it—grenades, automatics, bayonets, and rifle butts.

2. A machine, tool, etc., that is operated automatically.

1909 in WEBSTER 1914 *Machinery* (Engin. Ed.) XX. 468 (title) Making shrapnel cases on the Cleveland automatic. 1917 *Amer. Machinist* XLVII. 17 Automatics used advantageously in the making of starter parts. 1921 *Conquest* II. 125 The full advantage of automatics will only be appreciated when a large number of automatic exchanges have been erected. 1930 *Engineering* 7 Mar. 309/2 The machine tool display...covers automatics of various types, bending machines, sheet-metal working machines, drills [etc.]. 1949 *Jrnl. R. Aeronaut. Soc.* LIII. 428/2 Failures of the automatics may be more dangerous than the human failures they are designed to prevent.

3. A motor vehicle, esp. a car, which has automatic transmission. orig. U.S.

1949 *Newsweek* (U.S.) 24 Oct. 65/1 (heading) Ford's automatic. 1966 *Motoring Which?* Oct. 124 The only automatic we have tested is the little Dutch-built Ford. 1984 *Which? Car Suppl.* Oct. 17/2 The BX range has recently been expanded with the inclusion of a diesel version, and there will be estates and automatics soon.

**auto'matical**, *a.* [f. as AUTOMATIC *a.* + -ICAL.]

1. *prop.* Having reference to or connected with things automatic.

1665 *Surv. Aff. Netherl.* 178 Ships that (according to the Automatical proposal) could manage themselves.

2. = AUTOMATIC.

1586 BRIGHT *Melanch.* xiii. 66 Automaticall instruments. 1788 PASQUIN *Chilid. Thesis* (1792) 159 Automatical, heavy, dull, sombrous, half crazy. 1830 *Edin. Encycl.* II. 66/2 Automatical rope-dancers or tumblers.

**auto'matically**, *adv.* [f. prec. + -LY<sup>2</sup>.]

1. In automatic manner; like an automaton; by spontaneous, or apparently spontaneous, action.

1858 GLADSTONE *Homer* II. 276 Which [three-legged stands] he is carefully fitting with wheels, in order that they may automatically take their places. 1874 tr. *Lommel's Light* 10 Apparatus have been invented which automatically approximate the points...as they are burnt away.

2. Without active thought or volition; unconsciously, involuntarily, mechanically.

1853 *Scot. Rev.* I. 123 Actions...at first voluntary may come by habit to be automatically performed. 1859 Geo. ELIOT *A. Bede* 104 Lisbeth automatically obeying her old habits, began to put away the breakfast things.

**automaticity** (ˌɔːtmə'tɪsɪtɪ). [f. AUTOMATIC + -ITY.] Automatic condition or nature.

187. D. FERRIER *Funct. Brain* 213 Man...in whom volition is predominant and automaticity plays only a subordinate part in the motor activities.

**automation** (ˌɔːtmə'tɪʃən). [irreg. f. AUTOMATIC *a.* + -ATION.] Automatic control of the manufacture of a product through a number of successive stages; the application of automatic

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and canoeing clubs. 1828 N. CARLISLE *Acc. Charities* 205 Two staves or 18 feet, in Cornwall, are a "Land Yard, and 160 Land Yards are an English acre." 1869 BLACKMORE *Lorna D.* xii. I could smell supper, when hungry, through a hundred landyards of bog.

|| **Land** (lant), sb.<sup>1</sup> Pl. *Länder* ('lendor), *Laender*, *Lands*. [G.] A semi-autonomous unit of local government in Germany and Austria.

[1920 G. YOUNG *New Germany* 321 The transformation of this Constitution from a centralised republic, back to a federation has been reviewed already. The word 'lander' is literally translated for this and other reasons.] 1920 H. W. TEMPERLEY *Hist. Peace Conf. Paris III.* 1. The word *Länder*, has been deliberately used instead of the word *Staaten*. The word *States* for the members of a federal Constitution seems therefore to be misleading as expressly repudiated and 'Lands' is used, a new word coined by Professor Young. *Ibid.* 348 Article 5. Constitutional power is exercised... in matters pertaining to the Lands, by the Constitutional bodies of those Lands within the lines laid down by the constitutions of those Lands. 1950 THEIMER & CAMPBELL *Encycl. World Politics* 42 Austria became a federal republic, consisting of eight Lands. 1955 *Times* 26 Aug. 7/2 Many wage agreements are settled on a Land and not a federal basis. 1958 *Listener* 9 Oct. 57/11 In the Laender under its sway... it [sc. Austria] produced the nearest approach to the Welfare State that existed before its establishment in the United Kingdom. 1966 *Economist* 13 Aug. 63/1 The ambitious and consequently hard-pressed *Länder* are demanding that Bonn's share of the tax-collectors' booty should be no more than 35 per cent. 1969 *Nature* 15 Nov. 633/2 The German universities are at present the responsibility of the *Länder*. 1973 *Times* 30 Jan. 4/6 The four *Länder*—Hamburg, Bremen, Lower Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein—have asked the Bonn Government to sanction a boycott.

**land** (lənd), v. [f. LAND sb.<sup>1</sup> (OE. had *lendan* of similar formation: see LEND v.)]

## I. Transitive senses.

1. a. To bring to land; to set on shore; to disembark.

1300 K. Horn 779 A gode schup he hurede, þat him scholde londe in Westene londe. 1508 KENNEDIE *Flying v. Dumb* 461 The skipper had landed the at the Bas. 1665 Boyle *Ocean. Refl.* iv. xii. (1848) 241. I see the Waterman prepare to Land us. 1678 WATLEY *Wood. Lit. World* v. ii. 579. 472/1 He Landed an Army in Apulia. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* ii. xiv. 286 Our ships, when we should land our men, would keep at a distance. 1838 THIRLWALL *Greece* III. xx. 149 The troops, having been landed in Cephalonia. 1842 CAMPBELL *Napoleon & Brit. Sailor* 64 He should be shipped to England Old And safely landed. 1894 HALL CAINE *Manxman* v. iii. 288 Four hundred boats were coming... to land their cargoes.

b. To bring to the surface (from a mine). ? Obs. 1603 OWEN *Pembrokehire* xi. (1801) 91 These persons will Lande about... hundred barrells of coale in a daye.

c. *pass.* In Canada, to be given the status of a landed immigrant (see LANDED ppl. a. 3).

1910 [see LANDED ppl. a. 3]. 1962 *Canada Month* Aug. 16/3 They arrived from an Italian refugee camp in three groups around mid-month, were duly 'landed' by immigration officials. 1974 *Globe & Mail* (Toronto) 16 May 3/3 So far 22,905 have actually been 'landed'—given legal status as landed immigrants—and it's just a matter of time before most of the others achieve the same goal.

2. To bring into a specified place, e.g. as a stage in or termination of a journey; to bring into a certain position: usually with advb. phr. Also *fig.* to bring into a certain position or to a particular point in a course or process. (Cf. 8.)

1649 JER. TAYLOR *Gr. Exemp.* Ep. Ded. a.3 b. It is only a holy life that lands us there [sc. in heaven]. 1649 BLITHE *Eng. Improv. Impr.* (1653) 57 This drain to be continued to that place where you have most convenience to land your water. 1850 McCOSH *Du. Gort.* ii. ii. (1874) 212 The pantheist, when compelled to explain himself, is landed in Atheism. 1856 WHYTE MELVILLE *Kate* Cor. xix. Now then, give us your hand, one foot on the box, one on the roller-bolt, and now you're landed. 1859 THACKERAY *Virgin.* II. i. 4 Poor Harry's fine folks have been too fine for him, and have ended by landing him here. 1874 BURNARD *My time* xxviii. 271 A jerk that nearly landed me on his [the horse's] back. 1878 BOSW. SMITH *Carthage* 200 The pass over the Cottian Alps... would have landed Hannibal in the territory of the Taurini. 1882 BESANT *Revolt of Man* vi. (1883) 126 Such a sermon... would infallibly land its composer... in a prison. 1892 *Bookman* Oct. 29/2 His wife, his temperament, his philanthropy contrive to land him in fraudulent bankruptcy.

b. To set down from a vehicle. (Cf. 8b.)

1851 THACKERAY *Eng. Hum.* iii. (1853) 108 The Exeter Fly... having... landed its passengers for supper and sleep. 1859 — *Virgin.* I. xviii. 213 One chair after another landed ladies at the Baroness's door. 1894 MRS. H. WARD *Marcella* II. 267 His hansom landed him at the door of a great mansion.

c. *slang.* To set (a person) 'on his feet'.

1868 YATES *Rock Ahead* ii. vi. Lord Ticehurst, having done his duty in landing Gilbert [viz. by giving him an introduction], had strolled away. 1876 HINDLEY *Adv. Cheap Jack* 33. I bought a big covered cart and a good strong horse. And I was landed: 1879 *Autobiog. of a Thief* in *Macm.* Mag. XL. 502. I was landed (was collared) this time without them getting me up a lead (a collection).

d. *Naut.* To lower on to the deck or elsewhere by a rope or tackle.

1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Work-bk.* To land on deck. A nautical anomaly, meaning to lower casks or weighty goods on deck from the tackles. 1882 NARES *Seamanship* (ed. 6) 61 Land them on the taffrail.

e. *slang.* To get (a blow) home. Also *intr.* with *out*.

1886 H. BAUMANN *Londonsmen* 93. He landed him a little

object is to land one cunning blow. 1891 *Gentl. Mag.* Aug. 110 That's right, Captain Kitzly!... Land him [sc. the Devil] one in the eye. 1898 J. D. BRAYSHAW *Slum Silhouettes* 2 That on'y made Bill madder 'n ever, an' 'e lands aht wiv 'is right, but the Gent. just sketches 'is arm. 1912 *Chamber's Jnl.* June 395/2 After sparring for five minutes, and frustrating every attempt you made to 'land' on him, he would sit down. 1928 *Manch. Guardian Weekly* 5 Oct. 274/3 Why didn't his man 'land out' at the insulting blighter?

f. *Sporting colloq.* (with and without compl.) To bring (a horse) 'home', i.e. to the winning post; to place first in a race. Also *intr.* to get in first, win.

1853 WHYTE MELVILLE *Digby Grand* I. vi. 151 St. Agatha... after one of the finest races on record, is landed a winner by a neck. 1890 'ROLF BOLDREWOOD' *Col. Reformer* (1891) 291 A shower of flukes at the latter end landed him the winner. 1891 *Licensed Victualler's Gaz.* 20 Mar. (Farmer), Had the French filly landed, what a show would have arisen from the ring! 1898 *Daily News* 28 May 8/3 The Prince's colours were landed amid enthusiastic cheering.

g. *Machine knitting.* To secure (a loop) on the closed bead of a needle.

1885 [see KNOCK v. 15c]. 1926 J. CHAMBERLAIN *Knitting Math. & Mech.* v. 98 Using different lengths of beads in the same machine may result in certain loops not being landed, and consequently not cast off. 1952 D. F. PALING *Warp Knitting Technol.* i. 6 The old fabric loops on their upward movement pass over the tips of the beads which are embedded in the needle eyes, and the old loops are landed on to the closed beads.

h. To bring (an aircraft) to earth from the air; to place (an aircraft or spacecraft, or its contents) on the ground or some other surface after a flight.

1916 H. BARBER *Aeroplane Speaks* 49 I'll guarantee to safely land the fastest machine in a five-acre field. 1926 *Encycl. Brit.* I. 65/2 Attempts were later made to land machines on this forward deck [of the aircraft carrier]. 1931 *Times* 19 Feb. 17/2 There was a difference of opinion as to who should land the flying boat?—Very definitely. 1932 W. E. JOHNS *Camels are Coming* ii. 35 Agents... are usually taken over by aircraft; sometimes they drop by parachute and sometimes we land them. 1948 GREGORY & ALLAN *Helicopter* xvi. 190 There are a lot of things that we have to do to this machine before you can take off and land it. 1952 K. W. GATLAND *Devel. Guided Missile* vi. 103 (caption) Instead of landing the entire space ship, a secondary rocket will descend to the surface. 1962 *Times* 30 Apr. 12/7 Russia's latest earth satellite has been successfully landed in a predetermined area. 1967 J. ROWLAND *Jet Man* vi. 50 Now Whittle's experience of aerobatics came in useful, for he had to 'land' the machine in the water. 1968 *Ann. Reg.* 1967 178 The two accidents were a severe setback to American plans to land a man on the moon before 1970. 1972 *Nature* 3 Mar. 3/1 It is simply too dangerous to attempt to land a manned spacecraft in the lunar mountains.

3. *Angling.* To bring (a fish) to land, esp. by means of a gaff, hook, or net. Also, to land the net.

1613 J. DENNIS *Secrets Angling* II. xxi. Then with a net, see how at last he lands A mighty carp. 1653 WALTON *Compl. Angler* iv. 105 Help me to land this as you did the other. 1877 [see LANDED-NET]. 1867 F. FRANCIS *Angling* viii. (1880) 297 When you have hooked a grayling your next job is to land him. 1873 *Act 36 & 37 Vict.* c. lxxi. §14 Any person who shall... work any seine or draft net... within one hundred yards from... any other seine or draft net... before such last-mentioned net is fully drawn in and landed, shall... be liable [etc.]. 1883 *Manch. Exam.* 30 Oct. 8/4, I will not trouble you with an account of the trout and grayling we landed during the first two or three days of our visit. 1884 PÆ *Eustace* 62 They were pretty constantly engaged in shooting and landing the net.

b. *fig.* To catch or 'get hold of' (a person); to secure or win (a sum of money, esp. in betting or horse-racing). Also, to obtain (employment). Also *absol.*

1854 WHYTE MELVILLE *Corn. Bounce* II. xx. 114, I landed a hundred gold mohrs by backing his new lot for the Governor-General's Cup. 1857 HUGHES *Tom Brown* II. vii. You must be gentle with me if you want to land me. 1876 QUIDA *Winter City* vi. 143 So that they land their bets, what do they care? 1884 BLACK in *Harper's Mag.* Dec. 24/1, I can't say I've landed a fortune over its tips. 1926 WHITEMAN & McBRIDE *Jazz* viii. 167 That is another reason why the outsider fails to land. He doesn't know about these rogues. 1946 E. O'NEILL *Iceman Cometh* (1947) iii. 152 I'll bet you tink yuh're goin' out and land a job, too. 1952 GRANVILLE *Dict. Theatr.* Terms 108 Land a spot, obtain an engagement.

†4. To throw (a bridge) across a river. *Obs.* 1637 *Petit. to Chas.* I in Willis & Clark Cambridge (1886) I. 91 They may be suffered at their own charge to land a bridge over y<sup>e</sup> river. 1638 CHAS. I. *Let. to King's College, ibid.*, To permit them to land their own charge to land a bridge from the midst of y<sup>e</sup> o' Colledge.

†5. To bestow land upon. *Obs. nounce-use.*

1624 HEYWOOD *Captives* i. i. in Bullen O. Pl. IV, Thou hast monied me in this, Nay landed me... And putt mee in a large possession.

6. a. to land up: to fill or block up (a watercourse, pond, etc.) partially or wholly with earth; to silt up.

1605 WILLET *Hexapla Gen.* 30 Gobaris caused the natural current, landed up, to be opened and enlarged. 1682 BUNYAN *Holy War* 307 Diabolus sought to land up Mouthgate with dirt. 1793 R. MYLNE *Rep. Thames & Isis* 16 These lands have a very imperfect drainage at present, by the water-courses and ditches being landed up. 1815 W. MARRATT *Hist. Lincolnsh.* III. 243 A serpentine fish pond... partly landed up. 1851 *Jrnl. R. Agric. Soc.* XII. ii. 300 The river became landed up by the sediment of the tides.

b. To earth up (celery). Also with *up*. a 1806 ABERCROMBIE in Loudon *Gardening* III. i. (1822) 723 Repeat this... till by degrees they are landed up from

## II. Intransitive senses.

7. To come to land; to go ashore from a ship or boat; to disembark. Of a ship, etc.: To touch at a place in order to set down passengers.

In early use occas. conjugated with the verb to be. 1382 WYCLIF I *Mac.* iii. 42 The oost applede, or londide, at the coostis of hem. 1387 *Trivisa Higden* (Rolls) II. 151 Irish Scottes londede at Argoyl. c. 1400 *Sir Beues* p. 24 (MS. S.) With her ship pere gon bey lond. a 1450 *Le Mortie Arth.* 3054 He wende to haeue landy. At Dover. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* I. xvii. The Sarasyns ar londed in their countreys mo than xl M. a 1548 HALL *Chron.* Hen. VIII 259 b. He had knowledge... that the Frenche army entended to land in the Isle of Wight. 1611 *Bible Acts* xxi. 3 We... sailed into Syria, and landed at Tyre. 1661 DRYDEN *To his Sacred Majesty* 9 Thus, royal Sir, to see you landed here Was cause enough of triumph for a year. 1725 POPE *Odys.* xiii. 156 Behold him landed, careless and asleep, From all th' eluded dangers of the deep. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* ii. xiii. 276 No place where it was possible for a boat to land. 1837 MARRVAT *Dog-fend* xxii. The dog... landed at the same stairs where the boats land. 1882 MRS. B. M. CROKER *Proper Pride* I. ii. 11 Among the passengers who landed at Southampton from the Peninsular and Oriental Rocket.

8. *lit.* and *fig.* To arrive at a place, a stage in a journey, or the like; to come to a stage in a progression; to end in something. Also with *up*. (Cf. 2.)

1679 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* 153 Landing by the first pair of Stairs with your Face towards the East. 1721 RAMSAY *Elegy* *Pattie Birnie* iii. When strangers landed. 1726 *Wodrow Corr.* (1843) III. 243 Thus this matter is entered on; where it will land, the Lord himself direct. 1727 *Ibid.* 304 If any subordination and dependence [of the Persons of the Trinity]... were asserted, he could not but think it would land in a dependent and independent God. 1927 H. CRAWLEY *Let.* 10 Mar. (1965) 291, I had just landed in town after three months with the bossy cows. 1958 *Listener* 30 Oct. 604/3 They [sc. migrants] land up, exhausted, on islands and headlands. 1965 *Ibid.* 2 Sept. 351/2 After unspecified work in a map shop he landed up, furnished with a testimonial from Charles Graves, in the publishing house of Novello.

b. To alight upon the ground, e.g. from a vehicle, after a leap, etc. Esp. of an aircraft or spacecraft, or a person in one: to alight upon or reach the ground, or some other surface, after a flight. (Cf. 2b.)

1693 SOUTHERNE *Maid's Last Prayer* III. ii. *Lady Susan*. There's a Coach stop! I hope 'tis hers. *Juno*. 'Tis my Lady Tricket's; she's just Landed. 1708 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 4427/14 To receive them as they Landed out of their Coaches. 1784 V. LUNARDI *Acc. First Aerial Voy.* in *Eng.* 37 My principal care was to avoid a violent concussion at landing, and in this my good fortune was my friend. At twenty minutes past four I descended in a spacious meadow. 1814 *Sporting Mag.* XLIII. 287 The spot where the horse took off to where he landed is above eighteen feet. 1837 MARRVAT *Dog-fend* xxviii. It landed among some cabbage-leaves. 1899 H. G. WELLS *When Sleeper Wakes* xxiv. 326 On Blackheath no aeroplane had landed. 1908 — *War in Air* ii. 60 The balloon was bumping as though its occupants were trying to land. 1911 W. KAEMPFERT *New Art of Flying* xiv. 238 Evelyn's remarkable feat in landing on the deck of a warship in the harbour of San Francisco. 1917 [see FLATTEN v. 2b]. 1917 'CONTACT' *Airman's Outings* ii. 45 The machine in question was probably hit, however, for it did not return, and I saw it begin a glide as though the pilot meant to land. 1930 *Times* 11 Nov. 16/4 She [sc. a flying boat] circled the station and then landed in comparatively calm water. 1952 *Oxf. Jpn. Encycl.* X. 7/2 When landing, the pilot is guided on to the deck by the Deck Control Officer who signals with 'bats'. 1953 LESLIE & ADAMSKI (title) *Flying saucers* have landed. 1969 *Times* 21 July 1/1 The first word from man on the moon came from Aldrin: 'Tranquility base. The Eagle has landed.' 1973 *Sci. Amer.* Dec. 102/1 If the birds are pursued, they take off, but they do not fly far before they land again.

†c. *fig.* To fall, light (upon). *Obs.*

a 1670 HACKET 2nd *Serm. on Incarnat.* (1675) 11 Each parcel of comfort landed jump... in the same model of Ground. 1727 *Wodrow Corr.* (1843) III. 304 We inquired into the reports, found them all land on Mr. Simson.

d. With *on*. Of an aircraft: to land on the deck of an aircraft carrier. Hence *landing-on* *vbl. sb.*

1937 *Aeroplane* 9 June 691/1 The ship was headed into wind and permission to land-on was given to the first Nimrod. *Ibid.* 16 June 724/1 The landing-on is organised similarly to the flying-off. 1939 *Nature* CXLIII. 592/2 'Landing on' had proved safer than driving a car on an English road. 1954 P. K. KEMP *Fleet Air Arm* 95 They took off and landed on without difficulty, completely independent of the sea.

**land**, obs. f. LANT sb.<sup>1</sup>, urine; var. LAUND *Obs.*

**Landabrides**, *erron.* f. LINDABRIDES *Obs.*

†**landage**. *Obs.* In 5 *landage*. [f. LAND v. + -AGE.] Landing, coming ashore.

1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* xxi. ii. There was syr Mordred redy awaytynge vpon his londage to lette his owne fader to lande vp the lande that he was kyng over.

|| **landamman** (n ('landaman)). [Swiss Ger.; f. land LAND sb.<sup>1</sup> + amman (n = G. *amtman*, f. *amt* office, magistracy + *mann* man.)] In Switzerland, the title applied to the chief magistrate in certain cantons, and formerly also to the chief officer in certain smaller administrative districts.

1796 MORSE *Amer. Geog.* II. 308 The village of Gersaw... has its land amman, its council of regency. 1822 L. SIMOND *Switzerland* I. 438 All the landammans and statthalters. 1868 KIRK *Chas. Bold* III. v. iii. 435 The old landamman of



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day, the day on which the annual perambulation of the boundaries is made in Lanarkshire and Aberdeen.

1944 in *Earle Land Charters* (1888) 178 Dis sint pa land gemera & se embegang para landa to badden byrig & to doddan forda & to eter dune. 1825-80 JAMIESON, *Landmar.*, ... 2. A march or boundary of landed property, Aberd. To ride the Landmeries, to examine the marches, *ibid.*, Lanark. The day in which the procession is made is called Landmerie's day. 1864 *Edin. Daily Rev.* 11 June, Lanmer Day at Lanark. 1888 *Scott. Leader* 16 May 5 Lanark Landmeries.

3. 'A land-measurer. ... This word is here [viz. in Skene] used improperly' (Jam.).

1597 SKENE *De Verb. Sign.* s.v. *Particula*, 'The measurers of land, called Landmiers, in Latine, Agrimensores. 1670 BLOUNT *Law Dict.* Landmiers, measurers of Land, anciently so called. 1825-80 JAMIESON, *Lanmior*, a person employed by conterminous proprietors to adjust marches between their lands, Ayrsh.

**landing** ('lændɪŋ), *vbl. sb.* [f. LAND *v.* + -ING<sup>1</sup>.]  
1. The action of the verb LAND.

1. a. The action of coming to land or putting ashore; disembarkation.

1449 *Promp. Parv.* 1121/1 Londynge for schyppe and watour, applicatio. 1577-87 HOLINSHED *Chron.* I. 92 They take landing within the dominion of king Goffarus. 1655 *Nicholas Papers* (Camden) II. 308 Att his landing at Towre wharfe. 1697 DAMPIER *Voy.* I. 264 There is Water enough for Boats and Canoes to enter, and smooth landing after you are in. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* III. vii. 355 The Commodore... was saluted at his landing by eleven guns. 1798 DK. CLARENCE in *Nicholas Disp.* (1845) III. 10 note, The French cannot effect a landing in Ireland. 1855 STANLEY *Mem. Canterb.* i. (1857) 3 There are five great landings in English history, each of vast importance.

b. Arrival at a stage or place of landing, e.g. on a staircase.

1705 ADDISON *Trav. Italy* 433 A Stair-Case... where... the Disposition of the Lights, and the convenient Landing are admirably well contriv'd.

c. Coming to ground at the end of a leap.

1881 *Times* 14 Feb. 4/2 The taking off at the jumps was awkward, and the landing more ugly still.

d. The (or an) action of approaching and alighting on the ground or some other surface after a flight. *happy landings!*: see HAPPY *a.* 3.

1784 [see LAND *v.* 8b]. 1909 *Flight* 13 Feb. 631/1 (heading) 'Flight landings'. 1912 *Aeroplane* 19 Dec. 621/2 Major Cameron and Capt. Salmon with Mr. Barnwell and, later, Mr. Knight up behind, put in large number [sic] of straight cuts each making very good flights and landings. 1916 H. BARBER *Aeroplane Speaks* 49 You can... imagine what a difference that would make where forced landings are concerned! 1923 H. G. WELLS *Men like Gods* i. iii. 37 The aeroplanes made an easy landing. 1927 G. ASTON *Navy of To-Day* v. 31 The airman, and the airman's home, the aircraft carrier, must steam head to wind... when the airman want to accomplish 'landings' on her deck. 1936 *Discovery* Aug. 238/1 The camera is raised during take-offs and landings. 1956 [see EMERGENCY *s.* 5b]. 1967 D. P. DAVIES *Handling Big Jets* iii. 30 For take-off and landing the weight should be known to within 5,000 lb. 1969 *Times* 21 July 1/1 The landing, in the Sea of Tranquility, was near perfect and the two astronauts on board Eagle reported that it had not tilted too far to prevent take-off. 1974 *Daily Tel.* 21 Feb. 17/7 He [sic: a balloonist] has footed water for 10 days and the gondola is equipped with floatation devices to keep it upright if he is forced to make a water landing.

2. a. *landing up*: blocking up of a watercourse by earth or mud. b. *Earthling up* of plants.

1692 RAY *Dissol. World* III. v. (1732) 352 This Landing up and Attenuation of the Skirts of the Sea. a1806 ABERCROMBIE in *Loudon Gardening* III. i. (1822) 723 Give them [celery-plants] a final landing-up near the tops. 1856 LEVER *Martins of Cro-M.* 4 Celery, that wanted landing.

3. *Angling*. (See LAND *v.* 3.)

1884 *Public Opinion* 5 Sept. 302/1 His attention is fixed upon... the skilful 'landing' of his fish.

4. *Mining*. (See quot. 1860 and LAND *v.* 1 b.)

1860 *Eng. & For. Mining Gloss.*, S. *Staffs. Terms*, *Landing*, the bankman receiving the loaded skip at surface.

II. Concrete senses.

5. a. A place for disembarking passengers or unloading goods; a landing-place.

1609 DANIEL *Civ. Wars* VII. xxxvi, Defend all landings, barre all passages. 1793 SMEATON *Edystone L.* §100 Amending the landing at the Edystone. *Ibid.*, As my proposed materials would not swim, a safe landing became a still more important object. 1832 S. CUMINGS *Western Pilot* 49 There is a pretty good landing at the upper end of the town. 1867 J. N. EDWARDS *Shelby* ix. 366 The next day the brigade moved to the river near Gaines Landing. 1895 M. A. JACKSON *Mem. Stonewall Jackson* (ed. 2) xii. 211 Just before reaching the landing I stopped to look back.

b. 'The platform of a railway station' (Simmonds *Dict. Trade* 1858). ? Obs.

6. a. A platform in which a flight of stairs terminates; a resting-place between two flights of stairs.

1789 P. SMYTH *Tr. Aldrich's Archit.* (1818) 122 A resting-place, or landing, should be contrived after 9, 11, or at the utmost 13 steps. 1836-9 DICKENS *S. Bos* ii. He took to pieces the eight day clock on the front landing. 1869 E. A. PARKES *Pract. Hygiene* (ed. 3) 308 The ablution rooms... must be placed on the landings. 1882 *Macm. Mag.* XLVI. 441 The five bedrooms all opened on a square landing.

b. Stone used in or suitable for the construction of staircase landings.

1847 SMEATON *Builder's Man.* 190, 6-in. rubbed York landing. 1858 *Skyrings's Builders' Prices* (ed. 48) 84, 3 inch Portland balcony bottoms, or landings. 1886 *Mod.*

7. Various technical senses (chiefly U.S.). a. (See quot. 1844.) b. *Lumbering*. A place where logs are landed and stored. c. 'A platform of a furnace at the charging height' (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875). d. *Boat-building*. = LAND *sb.* 1 c (q.v.). e. *Mining*. A place at the mouth of a shaft for the landing of kibbles or other receptacles (Cent. *Dict.*). f. *Fortif.* 'The horizontal space at the entrance of a gallery or return' (*Ibid.*).

1844 GOSSE in *Zoologist* II. 706 Every extensive planter, whose estate borders on the river [Alabama], has what is called a landing; that is a large building to contain bales of cotton. 1868 *Harper's Mag.* XXXVI. 420 We emerged from the thick timber into an opening through which ran Tibbets's Brook. Here was what is called the landing... we could see thousands of logs that had been hauled. 1883 GRESLEY *Gloss. Coal Mining, Landing*, a level stage for loading or unloading coils upon.

8. *attrib. and Comb.*, (as sense 1) *landing area*, *fee, field, ground, -leg, -pier, -quay, -sile, -stairs, -steps, -tower, vehicle*; (sense 3) *landing-gaff, -hook, -ring, landing beam Aeronaut.*, a radio beam to guide aircraft when landing; *landing card*, a card issued to a passenger on an international flight or voyage, which is surrendered on arrival; *landing charges, rates* (Ogilvie), 'charges or fees paid on goods unloaded from a vessel' (Webster, 1864); *landing craft*, a naval vessel with a shallow draught designed for landing troops, tanks, etc., in an amphibious assault; hence *transf.* in *Astronaut.*, the section of a spacecraft which is used for the final descent to the surface of a planet or moon; *landing flap Aeronaut.*, a flap that can be lowered to increase the lift and the drag and so make possible lower speeds for take-off and landing; *landing floor* = sense 6; *landing gear*, (a) *Aeronaut.*, the structure underneath an aircraft that is designed to support it on the ground and to absorb the shock of landing (in modern aircraft made to be retracted in flight); (b) the retractable support at the front of a semi-trailer that supports it when not attached to the tractor; *landing light*, (a) a light on the runway of an aerodrome to guide an aircraft in a night landing; (b) a light attached to an aircraft to illuminate the ground for a night landing; *landing pad*, (a) a small area of an aerodrome or heliport, used for the landing and taking off of helicopters; (b) a cushioned or strengthened foot which supports a hovercraft, spacecraft, or the like when stationary on the ground; *landing ship* (tank(s)), a large landing craft for the transport of tanks and other vehicles; *landing speed*, the speed at which an aircraft lands (see also quot. 1911); *landing-stage*, a platform, often a floating one, for the landing of passengers and goods from sea-vessels; *landing-strake Boat-building*, 'the upper strake but one' (Weale's *Rudim. Nav.* 128); *landing strip* = *air-strip* (AIR *sb.* 1 B. III. 7); *landing-surveyor*, a customs officer who appoints and superintends the landing waiters; *landing ticket* = *landing card*; *landing-waiter*, a customs officer whose duty is to superintend the landing of goods and to examine them; *landing wire, Aeronaut.*, a wire on a biplane or light monoplane that is designed to take the weight of a wing when the aircraft is on the ground. Also *LANDING-NET*, -PLACE.

1910 R. FERRIS *How it Flies* xx. 464 'Landing area, a piece of land specially prepared for the alighting of aeroplanes without risk of injury. 1951 *Gloss. Aeronaut. Terms* (B.S.I.) III. 23 *Landing area*, the part of the movement area primarily intended for the take-off and landing of aircraft. 1974 G. MITCHELL *Javelin for Jonah* ix. 115 You may go ahead with the new landing-areas for jump and pole. 1929 'Landing beam [see BEAM *sb.* 24b]. 1933 *Flight* 1 June 524 A pointer on a simple instrument showed him any deviation from the landing beam. 1945 *Aeronautics* Feb. 30 (heading) Diagram showing the aircraft... entering the landing beam. 1932 G. GREENE *Stamboul Train* i. 3 The pursuer took the last 'landing card'... and watched the passengers cross the grey wet quay. 1950 P. BOTTOME *Under Skin* ii. 8 Got your landing card ready, and your passport? 1966 'W. HAGGARD' *Power House* vi. 58 He could be asked for a landing card and as a through-booking he didn't have one. 1973 *Times* 13 Dec. 11/2 He included landing cards among the paraphernalia of controls. 1940 W. S. CHURCHILL *Second World War* (1949) II. 593 Great efforts should be made to produce the 'landing-card' as soon as possible. 1942 R.A.F. *Jrnl.* 18 Apr. 32 Two landing craft were sent ashore with reconnaissance parties. 1943 *Landing craft* (see ASSAULT *sb.* 8). 1953 *Jrnl. Brit. Interplanetary Soc.* XII. 275 The landing craft (a small supplementary vehicle designed for vertical descent with rocket braking, carried to the destination by the parent spaceship). 1957 P. WORSLEY *Trumpet shall Sound* vii. 144 Landing-craft of all kinds poured out their cargo upon the beaches. 1966 D. HOLBROOK *Flesh Wounds* 93 Three thousand landing craft were ready to move out of all the ports all along the coast, from Falmouth to Harwich. 1969 *Times* 21 July 8/2 At 1,500 ft., the astronauts slowed the landing craft and brought it gently down four miles off the scheduled target in the Sea of Tranquility. 1922 *Flight*

of test flights before departure. 1972 *Times* 11 Feb. 1/1 Strong opposition has come from the airlines to a new system of landing fees which is to be introduced at Heathrow. 1921 *Aeronautics* 13 Jan. 26/1 The improvement of 'landing fields and equipment. 1959 *Chambers's Encycl.* I. 97 The emergency landing fields, which were set aside by the Royal Air Force for special purposes, were usually grass covered. 1936 *Technical Rep. Aeronaut. Res. Comm.* 1934-35 I. 30 Now that so many aeroplanes are being fitted with 'landing flaps it is important to permit the flap to extend along the whole span. 1940 *War Illustr.* 19 Jan. 620 With wheels and landing flaps lowered, the pilot makes his approach. 1966 *McGraw-Hill Encycl. Sci. & Technol.* XIV. 517/1 Structurally, the aileron is similar to the landing flap. 1856 CAPERN *Poems* (ed. 2) 143 A cautious footfall stealing Gently o'er the 'landing-floor. 1911 *Rep. & Mem. Advisory Comm. Aeronaut.* No. 59. Nov. 103 The efficiency of 'landing gear on various sorts of ground may be tried. 1931 *Flight* 9 Jan. 30/1 The landing gear is designed to give very smooth landing and taxiing characteristics. 1931 J. E. YOUNGER *Airplane Construction & Repair* iii. 48 Some airplanes are designed with landing gears which fold up into the fuselage and hence offer no direct wind resistance. 1951 *Amer. Speech* XXVI. 308/2 *Landing gear*, a strong support that holds up the front end of a semi-trailer when it is not attached to a tractor. 1971 *M. TAK Truck Talk* 97 *Landing gear*, the retractable supports on a trailer that prop up the front end when the trailer is unhitched from the tractor. 1971 *Physics Bull.* Apr. 217/1 Steels with improved fracture properties needed in nuclear submarines and aircraft landing gear are also under development. 1912 *Aeroplane* 12 Dec. 584/1 The great deterrent at present is the lack of proper 'landing grounds. 1920 *Landing ground* [see *Flying school* (FLYING *vbl. sb.* 3)]. 1943 T. S. ELIOT in *Ld. Semple et al. Friendship, Progress, Civilisation* 20 To descend from this flight into generalities on to the particular landing-ground of the present occasion. 1961 L. VAN DER POST *Heart of Hunter* i. v. 80 The great pan... had a floor wide, level and firm that... the biggest aircraft could land on it. I myself had used it as a landing-ground many times. 1748 *Compl. Fam.-Piece* II. i. 330 A young Angler should be furnished... with... 'Landing-Hook... Shot and Floats of divers Sorts. 1951 *Jrnl. Brit. Interplanetary Soc.* X. 101 In the case of a Moonflight... this means a vertical descent using reverse rocket braking in conjunction with a radar-altimeter and 'landing-legs. 1969 *Sun* 22 July 1/2 The Eagle, leaving its spidery landing-legs behind, soared away. 1917 *Flight* 4 Jan. 18/1 A new system, called 'Triplex glass 'landing lights', proved to be inferior to petrol flares. 1920 *Proc. Air Conf., London* 11 Aerodromes will be equipped... as night flying is practicable. Permanent electric landing lights... are being installed. 1922 *Flight* XIV. 519/2 Lighting Set (including navigation lights, landing lights and illumination of instruments). 1937 *Times* 16 Apr. 9/3 They see no reason why they should confuse coloured 'Very lights or landing lights in the air. 1942 R.A.F. *Jrnl.* 3 Oct. 7 From beneath him a landing light glowed downwards. 1966 I. KESTER *Brit. G.I. in Vietnam* iii. 69 He... switched on his landing light, illuminating three paratroopers standing on the landing zone signalling us in. 1973 *Times* 11 Apr. 3/7 They used landing lights to make three trips and everyone on board was winched to safety. 1958 *World Helicopter* Apr. 6/1 Our cover picture shows one of Sabena's fleet of 12-passenger Sikorsky S.58's making a landing at the heliport on the strip between the two 80 ft. diameter 'landing pads. 1961 *New Scientist* 2 Mar. 528/3 The actual landing pad need still be no more than 150 ft square. 1967 *Gloss. Terms Air-Cushion Vehicles* (B.S.I.) 6 *Landing pads*, strong points, protruding below the rigid bottom of an ACV, which support the vehicle when at rest on land. 1969 *Islander* (Victoria, B.C.) 23 Mar. 10/1 The first landing pad for the young (heliporter) company was a patch of open land, way down Shebourn Street, at that time the outskirts of Victoria. 1969 *Times* 17 May 8/5 Its landing pads are 37 in. across, each of them fitted with a probe which can sense the surface. 1858 SIMMONDS *Dict. Trade*, 'Landing-pier, Landing-stage. 1861 M. PATTISON *Ess.* (1889) I. 45 Broad 'landing quays covered with cranes lined the river bank. 1883 *Fisheries Exhib. Catal.* 51 'Landing Rings, Gaffs, Nets, etc. 1943 *Life* 11 Oct. 34/2 The first is the LST ('Landing Ship, Tank), 327 ft. long and displacing 5,500 tons. 1944 *Hutchinson's Pict. Hist. War* 27 Oct. 1943 11 Apr. 1944. 166 (caption) *Landing Ship Tanks*. These two landing ships tanks close inshore at Bougainville are unloading supplies and equipment for the U.S. Marines and army troops. 1944 *Daily Tel.* 11 July, [sic: the port of Cherbourg] will be open shortly for craft of the L.S.T. type (landing ship tanks). 1945 T. BLOME *Turning Point—1945* v. 51 Cedric and I put off in a motor fishing vessel to find out 'Tank Landing Ship. 1951 W. S. CHURCHILL *Second World War* (1952) V. ii. 26 The 'landing-ship, tank', had first been conceived and developed in Britain in 1940. 1961 B. FERCUSSON *Watery Maze* iv. 106 Rear-Admiral Burrough, with the cruiser *Kenya* and four destroyers, was to escort the two landing ships. 1966 D. HOLBROOK *Flesh Wounds* 93 Paul's Squadron embarked on its Landing Ship Tank late on the 3rd June. 1969 *Times* 4 Feb. 13/4 The eastern end of the planned Apollo 'landing site. 1972 *Nature* 3 Mar. 3/1 The landing site of Luna 20 was some 120 km north of the region from which Luna 16 recovered specimens. 1911 R. M. PIERCE *Dict. Aviation* 144 'Landing-speed... the speed with which a landing or descent to the earth is made, as by a man falling from a height. 1937 *New Republic* 19 May 35/1 The modern air liner's landing speed has gone up as designers have boosted its top speed by refining line and form. 1965 P. W. BROOKS *Mod. Aviator* iii. 75 Wheel brakes, now become a necessity because of the increased take-off and landing speeds of the more heavily loaded monoplanes. 1858 'Landing-stage [see *landing-pier* above]. 1861 DICKENS *Gt. Expect.* liv. An old landing-stage. 1868 *Less. Mid. Age* 269 On Monday morning, in a thick white fog, I entered a little steamer at the landing-stage at Liverpool. 1838 DICKENS *O. Twist* viii. The steps... form a 'landing-stairs from the river. 1887 *Spectator* 21 May 692/1 Jack is going to sea, and his friends are on the landing-stairs to take leave of him. 1838 THIRLWALL *Greece* III. xxii. 239 He... advanced foremost on the 'landing-steps. 1864 Mrs. LLOYD *Ladies Pol.* 28 A little natural pier, in which landing-steps had been cut. 1930 *Aircraft Engineering* Jan. 16/1 The standard intermediate field in low altitudes provides two 'landing strips or runways. 1944 *Times* 1 July 4/3 Squadrons flying from landing strips in Normandy are taking advantage of every break in the clouds. 1966 W. GRAHAM *Sleeping Partner* 62

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Telegr. 246 In one type of electrolytic detector, now merely of historic interest, the processes of electrolysis are employed to form fine threads of metal across the gap or gaps, and these threads are destroyed by the oscillations to be detected. The consequent alteration of resistance is observed by telephone or galvanometer. Of this type is... the 'responder' of de Forest and Smythe.

b. A device which automatically retransmits a pulse or signal on receiving one from an interrogator. Also *responder beacon*.

1945 *Nature* 15 Sept. 323/2 A and B are pulse-interrogator stations, the aircraft has a responder of constant and accurately known delay-time... 'G-H' and 'Babs'... utilize coded responses sent back by a ground responder-beacon in reply to pulses from an airborne or shipborne interrogator. 1945 *Electronic Engin.* Oct. 735 Vehicles could now carry small questioning transmitters ('interrogators') and obtain replies from 'responder' beacons on land or sea. 1957 *Encycl. Brit.* XVIII. 873 Y/I Beacons of the synchronous sort just described are variously called radar beacons, responder beacons, racons, or transponders, there being no important distinction among these terms. 1966 D. TAYLOR *Introd. Radar & Radar Techniques* iv. 45 A responder beacon... is a 'repeater', in the sense that it would retransmit after a very short time-interval any pulse signal received. 1977 *Offshore Engineer* Aug. 46/2 The remote vehicle's depth, horizontal range, slant range and relative bearing can all be determined by using this single responder in conjunction with Wesmar's new SS400TS sonar tracking system. The responder acts as a transmitter/receiver, receiving electronic signals through an umbilical.

3. *Biol. and Med.* An individual, structure, etc., that responds or reacts to some stimulus or treatment.

1963 *Jrnl. Exper. Med.* CXVIII. 954 Responders showed both Arthus and delayed allergic skin reactions to the immunizing conjugates. 1973 *Nature* 30 Nov. 245/1 Cells were classified as either  $\beta$  or  $\beta$ - (responders and non-responders to  $\beta$ -adrenergic stimulants) or P+ or P- (responders and non-responders to prostaglandin E<sub>1</sub>). 1976 *Lancet* 30 Oct. 928/1 A further analysis was made into responders and nonresponders... The responders were defined as patients in whom the number of ulcers decreased by more than 50% over 2 or more months.

† *re'spondie*. *Sc. Obs.* (See *RESPONDE*.)

1645 *Sc. Acts Chas. I* (1814) VI. 180/1 To call for payment and compt of all Responsies and Debts addetted... to the publicke. *Ibid.* 181/1 The Clerk... shall have the trust and keeping of the Respondie-Books, and of all the Accompts.

*re'sponding*, *ppl. a.* [*f. RESPOND v.* + *-ING.*] Corresponding; responsive.

1683 *Moxon Mech. Exerc.* Printing xxii. ¶7 He... removes them to the responding Quarter of the Form Imposing, into the responding places. 1819 T. CHALMERS *Serm.* (1836) I. 232 A responding affection can be deposited in the heart of man. 1863 *Geo. ELIOT Romola* xxiv. A loud responding voice rose at once from the wide multitude. 1921 G. CECIL *Life Ld. Salisbury* II. vi. 219 His action was generally attributed to the decision to call out the Reserves... and Lord Beaconsfield implied as much in his responding speech. 1933 C. VANDYCK *Contract Contracted* 21 As the Playing Trick count is not used until the Trump Suit has been decided upon the Responding Hand is obviously the first one to use it. 1952 I. MACLEOD *Bridge* vi. 73 The responding hand... never assumes, at least until the second trial bid, that the opener is slamming. 1965 in J. Money *Sex Research* 107 Seldom does the responding female directly manipulate the clitoris through an entire sexual response cycle. 1968 R. KYLE *Love Lab.* (1969) xviii. 210 Data on several hundred responding individuals has more scientific validity than data on one.

*responsa*: see *RESPONSUM*.

† *re'sponsable*, *a.* *Obs. rare.* [= *F.* and *Sp.* *responsable*, *It.* *responsabile*, *med.L.* *responsabilis*, *f. responsäre.*] Responsible.

1641 'SMECTYMNUS' *Anst.* xviii. (1653) 76 But now since Episcopacy comes to be challenged as a Divine Ordinance, how shall we be responsible to those Texts. 1648 ASHWURST *Reasons agst. Agreem.* 11 Men that can neither write, read, nor have any estates responsible.

† *re'sponsal*, *sb.* *Obs.* Also 5-7 *responsall* (e, 6 *Sc. responsaill*. [*ad. med.L.* *responsälis* (see next), used as *sb.* in various senses.]

1. A response, reply. 1432-50 *tr. Higden (Rolls)* V. 395 The tenors of whiche letters... with the responsales (*L. responsis*) of Gregory... were putte in the registre of Gregory. c1480 HENRYSON *Test. Chas.* 127 Ye gave me anis and devine responsall That I suld be the flour of luif in Troy. 1609 ARMIN *Maid of More-Cl.* (1880) 96 T'would allay his hot endeaours with a cold responsall. 1624 F. WHITE *Repl. Fisher* 241 The determination... is like Apollo his riddles and responsalls. 1652 N. CULVERWEL *Lt. Nature* i. xiii. (1661) 109 How cautelous they were in their Oracular Responsalls.

b. A liturgical response or respond. a1652 J. SMITH *Sel. Disc.* iv. 123 The responsals or antiphons wherein each of them catcheth at the other's part. 1688 *Anst.* Dissenter's Objections to Bk. Common Prayer 11 The Responsals of the Congregation are Matters of Offence to some. 1753 CHAMBERS *Cycl. Suppl.* s.v. *Antiphony*, St. Ambrose [calls antiphony] *responsoria*, or singing by responsalls. [1893] J. CHRISTIE *Acc. Parish Clerks* 15 Ability to read the Epistles and Lessons, to sing Responsals, Grails, and other parts of the Service.]

2. The respondent in a disputation. Also *attrib.*

c1500 in Peacock *Stat. Cambridge* (1841) App. p. xxxviii, The Responsall shall have a Deske ordeyned for hym byfore the Father. c1551 BP. GARDNER *Explic. Cath. Faith* 130 One was answered at Cambridge when he pressed the responsall, what say ye to myne arguement. 1574 in Peacock *Stat. Cambridge* (1841) App. p. xi, A Sophister

provided by the Proctour shall knele before the Responsall sett [= seat].

3. One appointed by a prelate to give or send replies to questions; an apocriary.

1570 FOXE *J. & M.* (ed. 2) 308/2 The Archbishop receiving this appellation, and saying that he would answer to the same either by him selfe or by his responsall. 1610 DONNE *Pseudo-martyr* 23 He suspended him vntill he might vnderstand from his Responsall with the Emperour, whether that pretended Commandement... were not subreptitious.

† *re'sponsal*, *a.* *Obs.* Also 4 -aill. [*ad. late L.* *responsälis* (6th c.), *f. responsäre* to reply. Cf. *OF. responsal*, -el.]

1. Answerable, responsible.

c1400 *Beryn* 2623 Such answers vs purvey, pat pey... shall be responsall For of [sic] welc. 1550 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 106 Giff he be nocht responsall for the said sowme, that the Scheriff... putt him in the irris. 1587 *Ibid.* IV. 192 His complice nawe... being responsall in law to answer for their deid. 1641 HESLYN *Hist. Episc.* II. (1657) 442 The Presbyteries... in the Country villages, should be responsall to the Bishop. 1653 *Consid. Dissolving Crt. Chanc.* 44 [They] will want that wisdom and estates, which the other have to make them responsal.

2. Responsive; of the nature of responses. 1607 S. COLLINS *Serm.* (1608) 25 They should have bene like an Oracle responsall, without any Philippping. 1653 R. LOVEDAY *Let.* (1663) 45 'Tis but an easie task for your Pen, and will engage mine to be responsal. 1680 BAXTER *Cath. Commun.* (1684) A 2 That the Primitive Churches had some Responsal Forms... I shall recite an evidence out of Chrysostom. 1738 NEAL *Hist. Purit.* IV. 416 The Liturgy to be abbreviated... by omitting all the Responsal prayers.

3. Correspondent, appropriate. *rare*-1.

1647 SPRIGGE *Anglia Rediv.* III. vi. (1854) 168 Would thou hadst took that leisure time To visit some responsal cline.

*re'sponsary*, *rare.* [*ad. med.L.* *responsarium*.] = *RESPONSORY sb.*

c1557 ABP. PARKER *Ps. Gij.* And after that... make a great noise by the responsaries... of the Psalmes. 1735 M. DAVIES *Athen. Brit.* I. 256 The Pagans had not only such certain forms of Prayer, but also Repetitions and Responsaries. 1866 *Liturg. Ch. Sarum* 88 The Ten Commandments, and their responsaries.

*response* (ri'spons). *Forms:* 4 responses (e, 4, 6 responses, 5-6 response, 7- response. [*In ME.*, a. *OF. respons, respons* (mod.*f.* *répons*) masc. or *response* (mod. *réponse*), fem. In later use directly *ad. L. responsum* neut. (also late *L. responsus* masc.), *f. respondere* to RESPOND.]

1. a. An answer, a reply.

c1300 *Beket* 825 In a chambre faste iloke alle hi were ibroust, That hi ne scholde ascepien nozt er hi response sode. c1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* 11924 pe chartre pey schewed per barouns, & seide, 'whic ys Arthures respons'. 1338 — *Chron.* (1810) 98 What was his respons written, I ne sauh no herd. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* I. xix. (S.T.S.) I. 109 It is said pat Turnus was na thing satisfyt on his respons. 1589 PUTTENHAM *Eng. Poess* III. xix. (Arb.) 214 Ye haue a figurat speech which the Greeks call Antipophora, I name him the Response. 1604 B. CANNERY *Table Alph.* (1613), *Responses*, answers. 1673 CAVE *Prim. Chr.* I. vii. 192 The Author of the Questions and Responses. 1675 BAXTER *Cath. Theol.* I. 113 He... needeth no more of mine for the confutation of his vain responses. 1712 STEELE *Spect.* No. 266 ¶4, I heard an old and a young Voice repeating the Questions and Responses of the Church-Catechism. 1751 HARRIS *Hermes Wks.* (1841) 161 With respect to the interrogative, the return is necessarily made in words... which are called a response or answer. 1798 COLERIDGE *Anc. Mar.* 411 But... speak again, Thy soft response renewing. 1869 A. HARWOOD *tr. E. de Pressensé Early Yrs.* Chr. III. iii. 404 We know the response of ancient philosophy to this question.

b. *transf. and fig.* An action or feeling which answers to some stimulus or influence; *spec.* in *Psychol.* (freq. opposed to *stimulus*), an observable reaction to some specific stimulus or situation; the fact of such reaction.

1815 SHELLEY *Alastor* 564 A pine... to each inconstant blast Yielding one only response. 1860 TYNALL *Glas.* I. §15. 103 A joyous rush was the creature's first response to the signal. 1875 JOWETT *Plato* (ed. 2) IV. 130 Something which found a response in his own mind seemed to have been lost. 1908 E. L. THORNDIKE in *Ess. Philos. & Psychol.* in *Honor W. James* 597 A situation arouses a response which brings an annoying state of affairs. The probability of a similar response in the future is lessened. 1919 J. B. WATSON *Psychol.* I. 16 Having now examined at some length into the general nature of both stimulus and response, we should be prepared to understand the object of a psychological experiment. 1934 H. DAVIS in C. Murchison *Handbk. Gen. Exper. Psychol.* 983 They... constitute an objective response of great value for analyzing the activities of the cortical tissue. 1948 A. C. KINSEY et al. *Sexual Behav. Human Male* v. 159 Evidence of minimal psychic components with good enough physical responses. 1952 FORD & BEACH *Patterns Sexual Behav.* xii. 239 Her capacity for complete response returned. 1957 B. F. SKINNER in Saporta & Bastian *Psycholinguistics* (1961) v. 228/1 Semantic theory is often confined to the relation between response and stimulus which prevails in the verbal operant called the tact. 1965 in J. Money *Sex Research* 101 Three women were able to achieve orgasmic response by breast manipulation alone. 1976 SENTER & DIMOND *Psychol.* vi. 102 Relaxation and anxiety are competing responses. You must behave in one way or the other.

c. The way in which an apparatus responds to a stimulus or range of stimuli.

1911 H. M. HOBART *Dict. Electr. Engin.* II. 630/1 The receiver must be sharply tuned so that the variations of frequency may be sufficient to make an appreciable

difference in the strength of its response. 1915 W. H. ECCLES *Wireless Telegr.* 245 Fig. 176 shows the response of the detector (change of I) at various values of the intensity of magnetism I and the field H, for four different magnetic cycles. 1926 — [see *frequency response* s.v. *FREQUENCY* 6 a]. 1958 O. R. FRISCH *Nuclear Handbk.* xiv. 16 In designing a scintillation counter the spectrum of the fluorescent radiation must be marked as far as possible with the spectral response of the multiplier. 1961 G. MILLERSON *Television Production* iii. 41 Where the tube's response to red is excessive, this may be held back with an appropriate green or blue filter. 1970 J. EARL *Turners & Amplifiers* iii. 68 The latest 'quality' amplifiers... boast a power response which is almost as good as the frequency response.

d. *Bridge.* A reply to a partner's opening (or subsequent) bid.

1939 N. DE V. HART *Bridge Players' Bedside Bk.* x. 52 South's response of Six Clubs showed first round control of clubs. 1947 S. HARRIS *Fund. Princ. Contract Bridge* I. iv. 35 It sometimes happens that South is able to make a positive response. 1958 *Literna* 16 Oct. 61/2 West makes her natural response of Three Diamonds. 1967 P. ANDERSON *Play Bridge* iii. 28 The negative response 3 N.T. in which case the hand will probably be played in 3 H. 1976 *Times* 1 May 12/6 A minimum response can be shown only by a rebid of the suit.

2. *Ecll.* a. = *RESPONSORY sb.* 1.

1450-1530 *Myrr.* our Lady 107 After lessons foloweth Responses. *Ibid.* Thys fyrste response ys songe in faythe and in prayrsyng of the byssed Trynyte. 1592 *tr. Yunus on Rev.* xix. 3 The song of the Antiphony or response. 1811 BUSBY *Dict. Mus.* (ed. 3), *Response*, or *Responsio*. The name of a kind of anthem sung in the Roman church after the morning lesson. 1836 *Tracts for Times* No. 75, Lesson 8. (Homily continued.)... Response 8 (used on the Sundays after Trinity). 1879 SIMMONS *Lay Folks Mass Book* 200 The laity... were not allowed to read the lessons in church, nor to say the *Alleluia*, but only the psalms and the responses (*responsoria*), without the *Alleluia*.

b. A part of the liturgy said or sung by the congregation in reply to the priest. (Correlative to *VERSICLE*.)

1659 HAMMOND *On Ps.* xxxi. 6 Observing their responses most superstitiously. 1710 STEELE *Tatler* No. 213 ¶2 [He] was seen soon after reading the Responses with great Gravity at Six of Clock Prayers. 1797 MRS. RADCLIFFE *Italian xi.* Again he fancied her voice spoke in a tone of the plaintive response delivered by the nuns. 1810 CRABBE *Borough* II. 16 Where priest and clerk with joint exertion strive... That, by his periods eloquent and grave; This, by responses, and a well-set stave. 1886 RUSKIN *Præterita* I. 354 The responses of the morning prayer.

3. An oracular answer.

1513 DOUGLAS *Æneis* x. l. 76 Sa feyll responsis of the goddis abuse. c1660 HAMMOND (J.). The oracles... from giving responses in verse, descended to prose. 1687 A. LOVELL *tr. Theonast's Trav.* I. 37 He that demands the response, roles it [sc. a piece of wood] three times. 1762 WARBURTON *Doctr. Grace* I. v. In the Mosaic dispensation... where the church was conducted in every step, at first by oracular responses, and afterwards by... Prophets. 1822 SHELLEY *tr. Calderon's Mag. Prodig.* I. 138 Consider the ambiguous responses Of their oracular statues. 1869 TOZER *Highl. Turkey* II. 219 The ancient oracle... from which... the Greeks of his time used to seek responses.

4. *Mus.* 'In a fugue, the repetition of the given subject by another part' (Busby).

1797 *Encycl. Brit.* (ed. 3) VII. 491/2 Every fugue finds its response in the part immediately following that which commenced. 1854 CHERUBINI *Counterp. & Fugue* 63 It may be said that the Response decides the particular kind and nature of the fugue.

5. *pl.* = *RESPONSION* 3.

1810 *Oxford Univ. Cal.* p. ii, Feb. 21, Responses commenced.

6. *attrib. and Comb.*, as *response function*, *rate*; esp. in *Psychol.*, as *response bias*, *movement*, *pattern*, *probability*, *set*; *response-contingent* adj.; *response time* *Electr.*, the time taken for a circuit or measuring device, when subjected to a change in input signal, to change its state by a specified fraction of its total response to that change.

1970 *Jrnl. Gen. Psychol.* LXXXII. 63 These findings appear to be incompatible with the notion that both scales measure 'response bias'. 1958 B. FLANAGAN et al. in Saporta & Bastian *Psycholinguistics* (1961) 415 (title) The control of stuttering through 'response-contingent' consequences. 1972 *Sci. Amer.* May 97/1 The results of such analyses produce response functions... which can be plotted to show the mean responses of different species of trees to conditions of temperature, precipitation and prior growth. 1975 D. G. FINX *Electronics Engineers' Handbk.* xxv. 25 The antenna and receiver are configured to match a target signal at a particular angle, delay, and frequency. The radar will respond with reduced gain to targets at other angles, delays, and frequencies. This 'response function' can be expressed as a surface in a four-dimensional coordinate system. 1892 VAN LIEW & BEYER *tr. Ziehen's Introd. Physiol. Psychol.* I. 14 Goltz has termed the automatic movements 'response-movements'. 1936 J. KANTOR *Objective Psychol. of Gram.* xx. 290 For objective psychology, moods are nothing but particular 'response-patterns' or speech-community styles of utterance. 1965 *Brit. Jrnl. Psychol.* LV1. 217 (heading) Response patterns and strategies in the dynamics of concept attainment behaviour. 1960 W. N. DEMBER *Psychol. of Perception* (1970) viii. 287 All of the word-recognition experiments can be interpreted in terms of 'response-probability'. 1946 *Jrnl. Amer. Statist. Assoc.* XL1. 522 The number of mail questionnaires and field interviews required to achieve a specified precision will vary with the 'response rate'. 1966 *Rep. Comm. Inquiry Unit.* Oxf. II. 351 The figures for Great Britain are from a survey (with a response rate of 53 per cent.) of those university teachers who responded to the inquiry by the Robbins Committee in 1961-2 (in which the response rate was 86 per cent.). 1970 *Jrnl. Gen. Psychol.* LXXXII. 64 'Response set'



## RESPONSIBILITY

is a generalized tendency to be agreeable. 1972 D. P. CAMPBELL in J. N. Butcher *Objective Personality Assessment* vi. 119 Response set, acquiescence and social desirability are currently popular, even though the data in support of them [as concepts] are will-o'-the-wispy, at best. 1958 R. B. HURLEY *Transistor Electronics* xix. 364 Output response times are reduced by a factor of 2-5. 1970 WILLARDSON & BEER *Semiconductors & Semimetals* V. i. 7 The response time is determined by the rate at which the [infrared detector] element warms and cools. 1975 D. G. FINK *Electronics Engineers' Handbook* xvii. 49 Performance specifications usually include the response of the system to a step input, measured in terms of response time, rise time, delay time, settling time, and overshoot.

Hence re'sponseless *a.*, giving no response or reply; re'sponser, one who makes response.

1845 *Blackw. Mag.* LVIII. 36 The base, cold crowd... Stood round, responseless to his fire. 1845 JANE ROBINSON *Whitehall* xix. 221 Mistress Chaloner looked at him... to ascertain who this lively responder was.

responsi'bility. [See next and -ITY. So F. *responsabilité*, It. *-ità*, Sp. *-idad*.]

1. The state or fact of being responsible.

1787 HAMILTON *Federalist* No. 63 II. 193 Responsibility in order to be reasonable must be limited to objects within the power of the responsible party. 1796 BURKE *Regic. Peace* iii. Sel. Wks. (1892) 258 Where I speak of responsibility, I do not mean to exclude that species of it [etc.]. 1827 SOUTHEY *Hist. Penins. War* II. 746 He was made to understand that any risk which he incurred would be upon his own responsibility. 1874 SAYCE *Compar. Philo.* viii. 305 It is only when the conception of the individual has been reached that the idea of responsibility begins. 1973 *Black Panther* 17 Nov. 3/1 The attack was deliberate and appears to be associated with the letter from the 'Symbionese Liberation Army' claiming responsibility. 1974 *Oxford Mail* 26 Oct. 1/4 Four explosions shook New York's business and financial districts within a few minutes today and a self-styled Puerto Rican liberation movement claimed responsibility.

b. Const. of the thing done or to be done.

1840 DICKENS *Old C. Shop* xvii. Then the entertainment began... Mr. Codlin having the responsibility of deciding on its length. 1847 PRESCOTT *Peru* (1850) II. 137 He still shrunk from the responsibility of the deed. 1881 W. COLLINS *Black Robe* viii. I took the responsibility of leaving him undisturbed.

c. Const. for.

1903 G. B. SHAW *Man & Superman* i. 17 Mamma knows that she is not strong enough to bear the whole responsibility for me and Rhoda without some help and advice. 1928 E. O'NEILL *Strange Interlude* 11. 66 Looks damnably upset... Wants to evade all responsibility for her. 1929 G. K. ROBERTS *Dist. Polit. Analysis* 190 The individual responsibility of British ministers for the actions of their civil servants. 1974 *Black Panther* 19 Jan. 3/1 A communique signed by the Symbionese Liberation Army claimed responsibility for the attack. 1975 *Times* 20 Aug. 13/1 Just as one was wondering who would 'claim responsibility' for spoiling the Headingley wicket—Saor Eire, the Women's Liberation Army...—up popped the Campaign to Free George Davis. 1981 M. SPARK *Loitering with Intent* ii. 32, I can't take responsibility for your mother this afternoon.

2. a. With *a* and *pl.* A charge, trust, or duty, for which one is responsible.

1796 BURKE *Regic. Peace* iii. Sel. Wks. (1892) 258 That confidence... fixes a responsibility on the Ministers entire and undivided. 1847 C. BRONTE *J. Eyre* iv. Anxious to be relieved of a responsibility that was becoming irksome. 1880 *19th Cent.* Apr. 687 As the responsibilities became greater and warfare more scientific.

b. A person for whom one is responsible.

1832 MARRYAT *N. Forster* xxxvi. [He] would hand over to Newton's charge any one of the unmarried responsibilities.

c. A person to whom one is responsible; a person in authority. *nonce-use*.

1893 E. DOWSON *Let.* c. 22 Mar. (1967) 275, I have to let the responsibilities know exactly how many people I have invited.

3. U.S. 'Ability to answer in payment; means of paying contracts' (*Cent. Dict.* 1890).

responsible (rɪˈspɒnsəb(ə)l), *a.* (and *sb.*) [a. obs. F. *responsable* (1502), f. L. *respons-*, *respondere* to RESPOND. Cf. RESPONSABLE.]

A. *adj.* †1. Correspondent or answering to something. Obs.

1599 B. JONSON *Ev. Man out of Hum.* ii. 1, The admiration of your Forme; to which (if the bounties of your minde be any way responsible) [etc.]. 1629 MAXWELL tr. *Herodian* (1635) 140 If you expect a Doome, or Death, responsible to your blacke deeds, and detestable Villanies; the World cannot afford it. 1698 FEYER *Acc. E. India* & P. 14 The Mouth large, but not responsible to so large a Body.

†2. Capable of being answered. Obs. *rare*—1. 1647 LILLY *Chr. Astrol.* lviii. 383 This is a difficult Question, and yet by Astrologic responsible.

3. a. Answerable, accountable (to another for something); liable to be called to account.

1643 Prynne *Sou. Power Parl.* iii. App. 12 To hold this Popish erroneous opinion, that they are in no case responsible to their whole Kingdomes or Parliaments for their grossest exorbitances. 1662 J. DAVIES tr. *Olearius Voy. Ambass.* 405 Being responsible to the King for what might happen to us. 1720 WATERLAND *Doctr. Trin.* v. Wks. 1823 V.

b. Morally accountable for one's actions; capable of rational conduct.

1836 J. GILBERT *Chr. Atonem.* ii. (1852) 50 The great God has treated us as responsible beings. 1858 FROUDE *Hist. Eng.* IV. xviii. 35 James arrived at an age when he could be treated as responsible. 1875 BAIN *Mental & Mor. Sci.* 396 In criminal procedure, a man is accounted responsible if motives still continue to have power over him.

c. responsible government: (see quot. 1910); also in extended use (esp. under influence of sense 5).

1839 LD. DURHAM *Rep. Affairs Brit. N. Amer.* 142 By creating high prizes in a general and responsible Government, we shall immediately afford the means of pacifying the turbulent ambitions, and of employing in worthy and noble occupations the talents which now are only exerted to foment disorder. 1865 EARL RUSSELL *Essay on Hist. Eng. Govt. & Constitution* p. lxviii. Others said, the grant of what is called "responsible government" [in Canada] is a grant of independence. It must be resisted. 1906 W. S. CHURCHILL in R. S. Churchill *Winston S. Churchill* (1969) II. Compan. i. 506 We are not, of course, confined to any particular form of Responsible Government. 1910 *Colonial Office List* v. i. 633 The colonies possessing responsible government, in which the Crown has only reserved the power of disallowing legislation and the Secretary of State for the Colonies has no control over any public officer except the Governor. 1930 G. B. SHAW *Apple Cart* i. 33 The people have found out long ago that democracy is humbug, and that instead of establishing responsible government it has abolished it. 1957 *Encycl. Brit.* XII. 1741/2 The device known as dyarchy, or double government... was intended to train Indians for responsible government.

4. U.S. Answerable to a charge.

1850 in T. HUTCHINSON *Hist. Mass.* (1865) 452 You are required to attach the goods or lands of William Stevens to the value of one hundred pounds, so as to bind the same to be responsible at the next court at Boston.

5. a. Capable of fulfilling an obligation or trust; reliable, trustworthy; of good credit and repute. Also in *Comb.*

1691 LOCKE *Consid. Money* Wks. 1714 II. 12 Not knowing that the Bill or Bond is true or legal, or that the Man bound to me is honest or responsible. 1817 JANE AUSTEN *Persuasion* iii. Could not be a better time, Sir Walter, for having a choice of tenants, very responsible tenants. 1853 C. BRONTE *Villette* xiv. There was about him a mainly responsible look, that redeemed his youth. 1884 J. QUINCY *Figures of Past* 345 The collection and delivery of parcels... might be undertaken by one responsible person. 1896 H. JOHNSTON *Dr. Congalton's Legacy* ix. 103 Responsible landowners, bonnet-lairs, farmers, otherwise a nondescript crowd.

*Comb.* 1852 DICKENS *Bleak Ho.* xxviii. A responsible-looking gentleman dressed in black. 1891 MOSTYN *Curatice* 57 When the meeting was dissolved, I joined myself to a responsible-looking brother, and begged an explanation. 1960 *Times* 7 Mar. 13/5 Are publishers responsible-minded parents?

b. Of respectable appearance.

1780 S. G. PRATT *Emma Corbett* (ed. 4) I. 98 A new wig... to be made so as to resemble a responsible head of hair. 1852 DICKENS *Bleak Ho.* lviii. His linen is arranged to a nicety, and he is wrapped in a responsible dressing-gown.

6. Involving responsibility or obligation.

1855 PRESCOTT *Philip II.* I. i. 12 He selected two persons for the responsible office of superintending his education. 1880 *19th Cent.* Apr. 707 Native officers so appointed to high and responsible positions.

B. *sb.* *pl.* An actor who undertakes to play any part which may be temporarily required.

1885 JEROME *On the Stage* 80 In the provinces, thirty shillings is a high figure for a good all-round 'responsibles'. *Ibid.* 121 Hearing that one of their 'responsibles' had just left, I went straight to the manager... and was accepted.

Hence re'sponsibleness.

1727 in BAILEY (vol. II). 1812 G. CHALMERS *Dom. Econ. Gt. Brit.* 138 At this crisis... every bill was suspected, as being of doubtful responsibility. 1856 EMERSON *Eng. Traits v. Ability*. They have solidarity, or responsibility, and trust in each other.

re'sponsibly, *adv.* *rare.* [f. prec. + -LY.] In a responsible manner.

1847 in WEBSTER. 1891 KIPLING *Light that Failed* (1900) 240 Mr. Beeton stood by with the air of an ambassador and breathed responsibly.

responsion (rɪˈspɒnsjən). Also 6 -cion. [a. F. *responsion* (†*responsion*), = Sp. *responsion*, It. *re-*, *responsione*, or ad. L. *responsion-em*, n. of action f. *respondere* to RESPOND.]

1. An answer or reply; a response. Now *rare*.

1502 ARNOLDE *Chron.* (1811) 10 By any responsions or petitions of them in parliament. 1509 HAWES *Past. Pleas.* xi. (Percy Soc.) 42 Seven sophynas... Thys ydre used. Unto the people, and was full rigorous To devoure them, where lacked responsion. 1555 W. WATERMAN *Fardle Facions* Pref. 13 By obscure and doubtfully attempted Responsions, and voices of spirites. 1656 S. HOLLAND *Zara* (1719) 123 To the first he yielded a ready responsion, but to the other he answered in very obscure terms. 1677 GALE *Cr. Gentiles* iii. 99 To confer among themselves by Questions and Responsions or Answers. 1802-12 BENTHAM *Ration. Judic. Evid.* (1827) II. 10 Fourth point—responsion performed in the presence of the judge. 1880 *Cent. Mag.* XIX. 294 (Cent.). Everywhere in nature, Whitman finds human relations, human responsions.

## RESPONSIVE

Torischyn. 1480 *Acta Dom. Conc.* (1839) 50 he soume of vj<sup>r</sup> pund, of he Responsioun of he said Trestramys landis, auct to our souverain lorde. 1540 *Act 32 Hen. VIII.* c. 24 Commanderies, preceptories, contributions, responsions, rentes... which appertained... to the priours. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey), *Responsions*, a Word us'd among the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, for certain Accounts made to them, by such as held their Lands, or Stocks. 1727-38 CHAMBERS *Cycl. s.v.*, Such a knight Templar paid a responsion of fifty pounds per annum to his order, on account of such a commandery.]

3. *pl.* The first of the three examinations which candidates for the B.A. degree at Oxford were required to pass. (Responsions were ended by statute in 1960.)

1813 *Oxford Univ. Cal.* p. ii. Feb. 17, Responsions commence. 1845 WILLIAM GRESLEY *Frank's Trip to Continent* 2 He had just come home from Oxford after having... passed his responsions. 1881 *Truth* 6 Oct. 443 The new examination in lieu of responsions at Oxford, which has just been instituted.

4. A public university disputation.

1841 PEACOCK *Stat. Camb.* 9 When they had kept two responsions... under the regency of a master of arts... they were presented... as candidates for admission.

responsive (rɪˈspɒnsɪv), *a.* and *sb.* [a. F. *responsif*, -ive, = Sp. and It. *responsivo*, or ad. late L. *responsivus*, f. *respons-*, *respondere*: see RESPOND v. and -IVE.]

A. *adj.* 1. Answering, responding; making answer or reply. †a. Of letters or epistolary replies. Also in *pl.* form. Obs.

1529 WOLSEY in Burnet *Hist. Ref.* (1679) I. Rec. ii. xxiii. 62 Shewing unto the same how ye have received Letters from the King's Highness and me, responsive to such as ye wrote. c.1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) ix. 3 Suppos I am not eloquent To wryt 30w answer responsive. 1620 BRENT tr. *Surpi's Counc.* Trent ii. (1676) 126 When there shall be occasion to write some Letter, missive, or responsive. 1726 AYLIFFE *Paragon* 157 A Certificate... is a Responsive Letter, or Letter by way of Answer.

b. In other uses. Also const. to.

1667 MILTON *P.L.* IV. 683 Celestial voices... Sole, or responsive each to others note. 1715 POPE *Odys.* i. 200 High strains responsive to the vocal string. 1747 COLLINS *Passions* 37 A soft responsive voice was heard at every close. 1781 GOWER *Charity* 177 Responsive to the distant neigh he neighs. 1802-12 BENTHAM *Ration. Judic. Evid.* (1827) III. 48 By the responsive testimony of the defendant, the existence of the criminative fact cannot be established. 1850 BLACKIE *Aeschylus* I. 26 There the grey heat lit the responsive fire. 1889 *Daily News* 25 July 7/2 The proctors for the Bishop of Lincoln were assigned to bring in their responsive allegation within a fortnight.

c. *Bridge.* Of a double: used to invite a change to an unbid suit in response to a partner's take-out double.

1959 *Listener* 12 Mar. 489/3 His double would be 'responsive'. *Ibid.* 30 July 190/1 The responsive double is a double intended to give information when partner has already made an informatory double. 1964 *Official Encycl. Bridge* 456/2 The minimum strength for a responsive double varies slightly with the level of the auction. 1973 REESE & DORMER *Compl. Bk. Bridge* viii. 120 Responsive doubles are usually played up to the level of three spades.

2. Correspondent or corresponding. *rare*.

1602 SHAKS. *Ham.* v. ii. 159 Three of the carriages in-feith are... very responsive to the hilts. 1634 CANNE *Neaith. Separ.* (1849) 34 The bishops... do not maturely consider the responsive conclusions which follow upon their principles. 1867 MACFARREN *Harmony* i. 17, He extended it by the addition of four responsive or relative modes.

3. Responding readily to some influence.

1762 FALCONER *Shipwr.* II. 45 Thus, and so quick, the helm responsive flew. 1792 A. YOUNG *Trav. France* 205 The vibrations of pleasurable emotions seemed more responsive than common. 1841 D'ISRAELI *Amen. Lit.* (1867) 584 The imaginative critic has described the excursions of our muse with responsive sympathy. 1868 DICKENS *Let.* 29 Jan., They are a bright, responsive people here. 1871 HOLME *Lee Miss Barrington* II. xv. 232 Felicia seemed attentive and responsive.

b. Const. to.

1768 BEATTIE *Minstr.* I. iv. Responsive to the sprightly pipe, when all in sprightly dance the village youth were join'd. 1793 *Minstr.* II. 55 The heart of Eleanor did not beat responsive to his warm attachment. 1850 M'COSH *Div. Govt.* II. ii. (1874) 210 There is no living being to feel responsive to his feelings. 1884 J. M. MATHER *Life & Teaching Ruskin* (ed. 2) 5 His nature was responsive to the influences brought to bear upon it.

4. Characterized by the use of responses.

1778 BR. LOWTH *Transl. Isaiah* xxvii. 2 In that day, To the beloved Vineyard, sing ye a responsive song. 1848 R. I. WILBERFORCE *Doctr. Incarnation* xii. (1852) 326 Where this responsive system of worship is lost, the nature of a public service will soon be forgotten. 1884 J. H. BLUNT *Ref. Ch. Eng.* II. 565 The alternation of the responsive system of prayer into that of prayer by the minister alone.

†5. Responsible, answerable. Obs. *rare*.

1642 JER. TAYLOR *Episc.* (1647) 371 For all of it, he is responsive to God Almighty. 1646 — *Apol. Liturgy* §133 Such persons... for whom the Church her self may safely be responsive, that is, to men learned and pious.

B. *sb.* †1. An answer, a response. Obs.

1683 CAVE *Ecclesiastica. Epiph.* 429 In answer to both he wrote *Armenianish*... a large Responsive, wherein he particularly opens the Doctrine of the Catholick Church.



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'uplight. [UP- 2.] = next.

up'make, v. Sc. [UP- 4 + MAKE v.<sup>1</sup> Cf. older *Flom. oetmaecken* Du. *oetmaken* to use up, put

Also as *v. trans.*, to raise the standing of (a product) in the market, esp. by advertisement or actual improvement. Hence up-'marketing *vbl.*

**upon** (ɔ'pon), *prep.* Forms: α. 3- upon (4-5, 7 up on, 6 Sc. uponn), 4-7 vpon (3-5 vp on, 4, 5 Sc. vppone, Sc. 5-6 wpone, 6-7 wpon), 3-7 uppon, vppon (3 *Orm.* upponn, 4 upp on). β. 3-6 opon (4

## UPON

oupon, opan), 4-5 oppon. *y.* 3-6, 9 *Sc.* apou (4 apan), 5 *Sc.*, 6 apone, 5-6 *Sc.* apoun, 5-7 *Sc.* apoune, apoune. *δ.* 6 poun, 8-9 'pon. See also uppo'. [Early ME. *upon*, *uppon*, etc., f. UP *adv.*<sup>1</sup> and *adv.*<sup>2</sup> + ON *prep.*; distinct from late OE. and early ME. *uppon*, var. of OE. *uppan* UP *prep.*<sup>1</sup>

The compound may have partly arisen from uses of *up* on or *uppe* on in OE. (for instances see UP *adv.*<sup>1</sup> and *adv.*<sup>2</sup>), but the date at which it appears, and the locality of the texts in which it is first prominent, suggest that it was mainly due to the influence of ON. *upp* *δ.* (MSw. *up* a, *op* a, *uppa*, *oppa*, etc.; Sw. *på*, Norw. and Da. *på*), with which it agrees in laying the stress on the preposition and weakening or altogether ignoring the force of *up*. In the mod. Scand. tongues, except Icelandic and Faroese, the reduced form *på*, *paa*, corresponding to Eng. (colloq. or dial.) 'pon', 'po', has displaced the simple prep. *å*, *aa* = on.]

Originally denoting elevation as well as contact, the compound has from the earliest period of its occurrence so far lost the former implication, that is, it has been regularly employed as a simple equivalent of *on*, in all the varieties of meaning which that preposition has developed. The use of the one form or the other has been for the most part a matter of individual choice (on grounds of rhythm, emphasis, etc.) or of simple accident, although in certain contexts and phrases there may be a general tendency to prefer the one to the other. For ease of comparison, the following arrangement of the senses corresponds as closely as possible with that of ON. (See also HERE-, THERE-, WHERE-UPON.)

I. Of local position outside of, but in contact with or close to, a surface.

1. Above and in contact with; in an elevated position on; at rest on the upper surface of; on and supported by; = ON *prep.* 1.

In a few instances in late MSS. (e.g. Harton Gosp. *Matt.* v. 14) OE. *up* on can be taken in this sense, but appears to be merely a scribal variant or alteration of *uppon* for *uppan* UP *prep.*<sup>1</sup>

*c.* 1250 Gen. & Ex. 2867 *Dan.* hisse folc. ben for 3are. In 6e deaged an stede up-on. His leue sacrifice to don. *a.* 1272 *Luue* Rom. 121 in O.E. *Misc.* 97 hit stont vpon a treowe mote. *c.* 1290 St. Brendan 368 in S. Eng. *Leg.* i. 229 At ester eue heore procurator had beom. . . heore resurrection opou pe fishes rugge make. *Ibid.* 577 pe ston pat ich op-on sitte. 13. . . E.E. *Allit. P.* A. 1054 The hyse trone. . . pe hyse godez self hit set vpon. *c.* 1386 CHAUCER *Miller's T.* 637 Til he cam to pe selle vpon pe flore. *c.* 1440 *Pallad.* on Husb. i. 199 Vynys that vpon the hillis stonde. *c.* 1489 CAXTON *Sonnet of Aymon* xxii. 486 Reynawde. . . was vpon the hyghe gate of Ardeyn. 1508 DUNBAR *Gold. Targe* 20 The birdis sang vpon the tender croppis. *c.* 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* i. 1 Welcum, our rubent rois vpon pe ryce. 1606 SHAKS. *Ant. & Cl.* iv. xiv. 4 A forked Mountaine, or blew Promontorie With Trees vpon't. 1648 DICKEY *Chym.* Ser. ii. (1682) 215 Take it upon the point of a knife. 1732 BERKELEY *Alciph.* iv. 58 The castle upon yonder hill. 1749 FIELDING *Tom Jones* xiv. ii. She's here, Mrs. Honour is upon the stairs. 1816 J. WILSON *City of Plague* i. i. 191 Wilt thou rest, old man, Upon this traveller's seat? 1825 J. NICHOLSON *Oper. Mechanic* 383 A pair of rollers upon the top of the roving-can. 1903 Mrs. DE LA PASTURE *Cornelius* 7 A Crown Derby service was spread forth upon a round table.

b. Said with reference to an expanse, as of land, sea, etc.; = ON *prep.* 1b. (Freq. from *c.* 1650.)

*upon* a (the) level (with); see LEVEL *sb.* 2. 3. *c.* 1250 Gen. & Ex. 3273 And moyses stod up-on be sond. *c.* 1300 *Havelok* 735 per sat is ship up-on pe sond. 1340-70 *Alex. & Dind.* 39 Neure werrede we wip wisth up-on erpe. *Ibid.* 739 Of swiche bestus. . . bei han miht vp-on molde. 1362 LANGL. P. A. ix. 56 Vnder a Lynde, vpon a launde leoned I a stounde. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* i. 53 He syh upon the grene gras The faire freishis floures springe. *c.* 1420 *Chrom. Vilod.* 2393 bis blessed virgyn. . . Twelfe . . . in hurr tombe lay, As saffe, as hole as he vpon vrthe yede. *c.* 1470 *Col. & Gato.* 312 That plantit don ane pailyeoun, vpon ane plane lee. 1526 TINDALE *Mark* vi. 48 When they sawe him walkinge upon the see. 1535 FISHER *Wks.* (1876) 305 He must trede vpon the fallows. 1568 *Durham Wills* (Surtees) III. 44 Corne. . . in the barne 881. Upon the earth at zol. 1609 BIBLE (Douay) *Ezek.* xvi. 5 Thou wast thrown forth upon the face of the earth. 1650 HOWELL *Giraff's Rev.* Naples i. 15 Benches, Forms. . . were burnt all to ashes upon the streets. 1662 J. DAVIES *tr. Olearius's Voy.* Ambass. 203 Wood and Lodging. . . are very scarce upon that Road. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 42 ¶ 3 Two or three Shifters of Scenes . . . make up a complete Body of Guards upon the English Stage. 1812 BYRON *Ch. Har.* i. xiii. 75 Now I'm in the world alone, Upon the wide, wide sea. 1828 LYTTON *Pelham* III. xix. I have no time. . . to speak of the earlier part of my life. I passed it upon the race-course. 1871 HAWES *Musie & Morals* (1874) 7 The Painter's art lies upon the surface of the world.

c. Denoting the part of the body on which one is supported; = ON *prep.* 1c.

See also FOOT *sb.* 27, KNEE *sb.* 3, TIPTOE *sb.* 1. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* i. 286 Sche began merci to crie Upon hire bare knees. *c.* 1440 *Gemyredys* 44 Vppe vpon his fete he was a non. 1481 CAXTON *Reynard* (Arb.) 18 He satte vpon his hammes. 1601 SHAKS. *Jud. C.* ii. i. 270 Vpon my knees, I charme you. . . By all your vowes of Loue. 1661 EARL ORRERY *St. Lett.* (1742) 40 We are now upon our last legs. 1692 *tr. Ctes D'Anoy's Trav.* 157 Thrice or four Pages. . . serve me upon Kne. 1792 STEELE *Spect.* No. 460 ¶ Gallantry strutting upon his Tiptoe. 1798 COWPER *Task* iv. 245 Her tottering form ill propp'd upon French heels. 1800 WORDSW. *Hart-Leap Well* x. d. Upon his side the Hart was lying stretched. 1843 MACAULAY *Horatius* lxvi, Horatius in his harness, Halting upon one knee.

d. Indicating a means of locomotion or conveyance; = ON *prep.* 1d.

*a.* 1300 *Cursor M.* 894 For pou sal slid apou pi brest. *c.* 1300 *Havelok* 2047 Yf he mouthe. . . gangen wel up-on hise fet. 13. . . E.E. *Allit. P.* B. 88 Swyerez pat swyfly, swayed on blonkez, & also fele vpon fote. 1393 LANGL. P. A. C. vii. 43 Strengest vp-on stede, and swest vnder gurdell. *c.* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) i. 4 It es made sittad apou a hors. *c.* 1475 *Ranf Collyer* 794 Vpon ane rude Runys he ruschit out of town. 1590 SPENSER. *F.Q.* i. i. 4 She. . . heaueit sat vpon her palfrey slow. 1648 HEZKIAH. *I. Een Ridjt-bane*, a Sliding place. . . to slide upon Schates. 1660 F. BROOKE *tr. Le Blanc's Trav.* 350 The great King, whom they carry upon a Sindela of cotton. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 345 We went on Shore upon the Tide of Flood, near high Water. 1803 SOUTHEY *Queen Ortrac* iv. vii, Upon her palfrey she is set, And forward then go. 1821 SCOTT *Pirate* xxx, She saw him fee forth of the window. . . upon a dragon. 1853 KANE *Grinnell* *Exp.* xxxii. (1856) 282, I mounted the upheaving ice, and rode upon the fragments.

e. Denoting that on which the hand is placed in taking the oath, or the basis of an oath, etc.; = ON *prep.* 1f.

See also CONSCIENCE 9, EVANGELI 3, EVANGELY 3, FAITH *sb.* 8, HONOUR *sb.* 9b, LIFE *sb.* 3c, MORTAL SOUL *sb.* 10c, WORD *sb.* *c.* 1290 *Beket* 585 in S. Eng. *Leg.* i. 123 bat he ne scholde nouit sweire op-on pe boge. *c.* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 10468 He swor hym vpon pe bok, To holde of hym his heritage. 1398 TREVISIA *Barth. De P.R.* xv. cxxxvi. (Bodl. MS.), Hoote welles pat. . . blindet peus jif he swerep vpon pe water and touchet here ysen perewip. *c.* 1400 *Dest.* Troy 642 Yow swiftly shall swere vpon swete goddess. This couenaunt to kepe. *a.* 1460 in *Hist. Coll. Lond. Cit.* (Camden) 119 The for sayde catynys have sworne a-pon hyr honowr that. . . they shalle not makyn [etc.]. 1493 *Litt. Red Bk. Bristol* (1900) II. 134 This ys trow apou owre consciens. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* II. ii. 130 I'll swere vpon that Bottle, to be thy true subiect. 1645 *Doq. Lett. Pat.* at Oxf. (1837) 268 Administ'ring of Oathes vpon the Holy Evangelists. 1710 ADDISON *Tatler* No. 253 ¶ The Assistants. . . were all worn upon the Honour. 1728 DE FOE *Col. Yach* (1840) 67 He would come back. . . and untie him, upon his word. 1776 *Trial Nandocomar* 52/1 You have sworn me upon the waters of the Ganges: how can I tell more than I remember? 1831 JAMES *Phil. Augustus* III. x, I declare that. . . he himself [is] worthy of death, upon my honour! 1848 DICKENS *Dombey* xxxix, Upon my word and honour. . . it would be a charity. ¶ f. Above, more than. *Obs.* Cf. UP *prep.* 1 8. 13. . . *Guy Warw.* (A.) 359 Opon al opey y loue pe. *c.* 1430 *Syr Gen.* (Roxb.) 969 Son, vpon al thinge Doo afre Nathanaels teching.

g. g. Over (a person, etc.), in respect of rule, authority, or supervision. *Obs.*

See also REIGN *v.* 1b, RULE *v.* 5b, RULER *i* (quot. 1382). *c.* 1380 WYCLIF *Wks.* (1880) 383 pe kyngis of hepen han lordeschip vp-on hem. *c.* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) iii. 10 bi powere es grete apou pi subgetis. 1422 YONG *tr. Secreta Secret.* 162 Our Lord god enoyntyd Saule Kyng vpon Israell. 1477 EARL RIVERS (Caxton) *Dietes* 66 He aught to haue lawde that. . . hath lordship vpon his ennemys. 1524 WHITTON *Tullies Offices* i. (1540) 11 A man that wolde be chefe ruler vpon the commente.

h. Taking part in, forming a member of (an inquest, jury, etc.). Cf. ON *prep.* 1g.

1516 *Reg. Priory Seal* Scot. i. 422/2 Thai. . . being apou the inquest. . . in the schire court. 1609 [see *st.* 28]. 1643 *Doq. Lett. Pat.* at Oxf. (1837) 5 Consoctiating himself with his neighboring Justices in sitting upon an illegal Commission. 1676 *Office Clerk of Assize* *v.* Persons. . . to serve in or upon the Grand Jury. 1729 JACOB *Law Dict.* s.v. *Jury*, Clergymen, Apothecaries, &c. are exempted by Law from serving upon Juries. 1769 [see *JURY* *sb.* 2b].

i. Hence in many phrases, originally denoting physical location, of which the sense has become more or less figurative; = ON *prep.* 1h. See esp. ANVIL *sb.* 2b, CARPET *sb.* 1b, HAND *sb.* 32, HIGH *a.* 17h, 18, LEVEL *sb.* 4, PAR *sb.* 1, SPOT *sb.* 1<sup>9</sup>, TABLE *sb.* 5b.

2. Denoting contact with or location on a surface, etc., whatever its position; = ON *prep.* 2.

(a) *c.* 1200 ORMIN *Dev.* 69 bat upponn all piss boe ne Nan word 3en Cristess lair. *a.* 1300 *Cursor M.* 23215 Painted fre. . . bat apou a wagh was wrought. 1382 WYCLIF *Exod.* xxvii. 1 Y shal write vpon hem [sc. stone tables] the wordes that dandeth the tablis. 1535 COVERDALE *Hab.* ii. 2 Wryte the vision planely vpon thy tables. 1552 in J. O. PAYNE *St. Paul's Cathedral* (1893) 22 A grete clothe of redd silke. . . with lions of golde upon it. 1566, 1596 [see INSCULP *v.*]. 1596 [see RECORD *sb.* 1]. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* v. i. 7, I haue seene her. . . take forth paper. . . write vpon't, read it. *Ibid.* vii. 26 As our rarer Monsters are Painted upon a pole. 1729 T. INNES *Crit. Essay* (1879) 74 His name is upon it, written with his own hand. 1766 [see ENGRAVE *v.* 3a]. 1776 *Trial Nandocomar* 97/2 Did you see upon the face of the bond anything to make you suspect it? 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Apr. 203 Which is very practicable upon paper. 1888 'J. S. WINTER *Boote's Child.* v, A gold bangle with 'Mignon' upon it. . . in raised letters.

(b) *a.* 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 1187 pe treo per he deide upon. *c.* 1290 S. Eng. *Leg.* i. 43/300 bis youngue Man size and pritti dawes heng up-on pe galu-treo. 1377 LANGL. P. A. B. i. 154 Was neuere leef vpon lynde lister per-after. 14. . . *Lydc. Min. Poems* (1911) 252 As he [sc. Christ] hangeth vp-on the roode tre. 1536 *Exhort.* to North in Furnvall *Ballads* fr. MSS. i. 307 The gallous apou, prepared for mardoche, hanged he was. 1596 DALRYMPLE *tr. Leslie's Hist. Scot.* i. 121 Lat him end his lyf vpon ane fork. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* v. i. 7, Vpon the next Tre shall thou hang. 1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-Bk.* 411 A sail set upon the flying jib-boom. 1899 *Shetland News* 16 Dec. (E.D.D. s.v. *Hing*), I took aff me kintap, an' hangt her apou a nail.

(c) *c.* 1386 CHAUCER *Pr.* 111 Vpon his arm he baar a gay bracer. *c.* 1450 St. *Cuthbert* (Surtees) 813 With broches and golde opou hir arme. 1494 *Act 11 Hen. VII.* c. 23 The little Bone that sitteth upon the great Fin. 1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* 521 A wednyng-hoke with a socket set vpon a lyttel staffe. 1547 in Feuillerat *Revels* *Edo.* VI (1914) 10 Th' upon sleeves

of. Satten cut vpon Red Sarcenett. 1655 STANLEY *Hist. Philos.* II. 7 By reflection of the Sunns beams upon a thick cloud, which, not able to pierce it, are refracted upon it. 1774 J. BRYANT *Mythol.* II. 231 Upon the head of the woman is a veil. 1824 T. G. CUMMING *Rail & Tram Roads* 24 Several branches were made. . . with the flauche upon the wheel, and not upon the rail. 1847 MARRIAT *Childr.* N. *Forest* xix, Those clothes would not look so well upon Oswald. 1889 DOYLE *Micha Clarke* 318 Monmouth must fight now, if he ever hopes to feel the gold rim upon his temples.

b. Used of immaterial relationships, or in figurative expressions.

to (be)get. . . upon (a woman): see BEGET *v.* 2b, GET *v.* 2b. *a.* 1400 *Minor Poems* fr. *Vernon MS.* xlii. 8 His eye is eue pe vpon. 1423 JAS. I *King's Q.* ii. 1. . . toke a boke to rede apou a quhile. *c.* 1450 *Mirk's Festial* i. 6 Vnaley old man, go hepen! for I se apou pe mony meruayles. 1548-9 (Mar.) *Jh. Com. Prayer* Pref., All thynges must be read vpon the boke. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* i. i. 20 Vpon some booke I loue, I'll pray for thee. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacra* II. iii. 344 That what is spoken hath the impress of Divine authority upon it. *Ibid.* v. 52 They have a clear and distinct perception of God upon their own minds. 1719 DE FOE *Crusoe* II. (Globe) 498 The Horror which was upon our Minds. 1753-4 RICHARDSON *Grandison* I. xii. 66 Every one's eyes were upon me. 1806 J. BRESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* (ed. 4) vi. 97 Here am I. . . with a sort of traveller's lumbago upon me. 1832 L. HUNT *Gentle Armour* i. 142 The page returns with doubt upon his eyes. 1848 BAILEY *Festus* (ed. 3) 230 There was a tale Upon thy tongue he interrupted. 1877 SPURGEON *Serm.* XXIII. 669 It is absurd upon its very face.

c. By means of; with. Now dial.

*c.* 1440 *York Myst.* xix. 212 pe knyght vponn his knyffe Hath slayne my sone. 1590 SHAKS. *Mids. N.* II. i. 244 To die vpon the hand I loue so well. 1742 *Phil. Trans.* XLII. 266 The Perfection of Smelling in the Inhabitants of the Anties, who can run a Man upon the Nose like an Hound. 1751 LABELLE *Westm. Bridge* 71 Explaining before them, upon a working Model, the Method I proposed. 1790 BOSWELL *Lett.* (1924) 388, I intended to have printed it upon what is called an English letter. 1865 R. HURD *Pop. Rom.* *West Eng.* I. 105 Which eye can you see me upon?

d. Used in reference to an axis, pivot, or base; = ON *prep.* 1c. (Cf. RAISE *v.* 8b, TURN *v.* 3.)

1570 BILLINGS *Euclid* i. 8 A triangle. . . set or described vpon a line. 1593 FALE *Dialling* 14 Upon E make a halfe circle from H by G. 1679 MOXON *Math. Dict.* s.v. *Circle*, The Circle. . . is described upon the Centre A. 1728 CHAMBERS *Cycl.* s.v. *Triangle*, A Triangle is equal to a Parallelogram upon the same Base, but half the Altitude. 1796 *Inst. & Rep. Cavalry* (1813) 149 Each describing the portion of a circle upon (P) as a center. 1830 TENNYSON *Mariana* vi, The doors upon their hinges creak'd. 1832 *Prop. Instr. Cavalry* III. 47 Two contiguous points given as a Base, upon which a body of troops is to march or form. 1877 HUXLEY *Anat. Ino. Anim.* vi. 309 The next four somites. . . cease to be moveable upon one another.

3. a. On the bank of (a river or lake); on the shore of (the sea); on the borders of (a territory, etc.); close by, near to; bordering upon; beside or by; = ON *prep.* 3.

13. . . *K. Alis.* 4090 (Laud MS.), A Castel he had vpon pe ryue. 1387 TREVISIA *Hiden* V. 329 He faust. . . apenst pe Saxons. . . upon pe ryver Gleny. *c.* 1425 *Eng. Cong. Pref.* 142 The tonnes vpon the see. 1474 *Reynard* *Bk. Capar-Angus* (1879) I. 197 To make a myl. . . other vpon the gret watter or vpon the burn. 1526 *Reg. Priory Seal* Scot. i. 514/1 Theifis and tratouris duelland apoun Leuin. 1585 T. WASHINGTON *tr. Nicholay's Voy.* i. viii. 7b, Alger. . . is situated vpon the Mediteranean Sea. 1601 R. JOHNSON *Kingd. & Commu.* 192 Siras seated vpon the ruer Brindimire. 1662 STILLINGFL. *Orig. Sacra* III. iv. 513 The greatest part of the Countries lying upon the Ocean and Mediterranean. 1720 DE FOE *Capt. Singleton* xiii. (1840) 226 A tract of land. . . seated upon some navigable river. 1747 *Col. Rec. Pennsylv.* V. 87 Upon the heads of Joniady River. 1859 TENNYSON *Marriage of Geraint* 145 Arthur. . . Held court at old Caerleon upon Usk.

† b. About; near; close on (a specified number, etc.). *Obs.*

In later use only with CLOSE *adv.* 1d, NEAR *adv.* 5c, NIGH *adv.* 12c.

1451 CAPGRAVE *Life St. Gilbert* 68 He left at his deth sweth persones dedicate to God vp-on too thousand too hundred. 1477 CAXTON *Jason* 74 He cessed not to . . . rowe til he cam nygh the lle vpon a bowe shotte. 1478 J. PASTON in *P. Lett.* III. 219 A steppe modyr of hyrs, whyche is upon 1 yer of age. 1482 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 102 Ther wylye in aull with blottes apoun xxvij sarplers thowli. 1534 TINDALE *Luke* viii. 42 He had bat a daughter only. apou a twelue yere of age. *a.* 1548 HALL *Chron.* *Hen. VIII.* 32b, He had askyd a number of horsemen. . . vponn the poynt of syx thousand. 1600 *Holland Livy* 177 There were upon two thousand & five hundred taken alive. 1660 *Nicholas Papers* (Camden) IV. 226 To pay me my allowance. . . as it was regulated upon three years since.

4. Denoting collateral position; esp. with *side*, *hand*, *half*, *beam* (of a ship), *point* (of the compass); *north*, *south*, etc.; *right*, *left*; = ON *prep.* 4.

See also BORDER *v.* 5, TOUCH *v.* 14, VERGE *v.* 1 2b. (a) *c.* 1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 7929 Southsex. . . & Middelsex. . . marchen vpon Kent. *c.* 1400 MAUNDEV. (Roxb.) vi. 22 Mesopotamy also marchet apou pe desertes of Araby. 1568 GRAFTON *Chron.* II. 354 For we [Scots] are so lodged vpon England, that we may. . . enter which way we lust. 1586 [see NEIGHBOUR *v.* 1, 2]. 1596 DALRYMPLE *tr. Leslie's Hist. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 31 Wpon the coste of the Lenox lyes Argyle. 1624 HEYWOOD *Gynaik.* II. 92 That part . . . which buttet apoun the west. 1681 DRYDEN *Spart. Frior* i. Upon the skirts Of Arragon our squandered troops he rallies. 1786 W. THOMSON *Watson's Philip* III (1830) 311 An island bordering upon Istria. 1842 R. I. WILBERFORCE *Rutitius & Lucius* 106 Behind they abuted upon the grounds of Milo. 1873 T. W. HIGGINSON *Oldport Days* v. 115 The house was close upon the water.

(b) 13. . . *Gaw. & Gr. Cant.* 2069 pe brode zatez [were] Vnbarred, & born opou, vpon bope haluc. 1375 BARBOUR [were]



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Bruce xi. 175 Schir Gylys de Argente he set Vpon anc half, his renge to get 10400 *Morte Arth.* 3795 We are with Sarazenes he sett apone seir half. c1475 *Rauf Colhear* 1. 1. 1. The Firmament fair vpon the cutes. 1565 *GOLDING* *Quid's Met.* 1. 1. b. Two Zones do cut the Heavens upon the righte syde. 1577 B. *GOODE Hebeback's Husb.* 1. (1586) 71 b. A rich ground, leuell, and lying vpon the Sunne. 1644 in *Eng. Hist. Rev. Apr.* (1913) 341 My Lord Ambassador beinge plac'd... upon his left hand about three Seates distant from him. 1669 *STURMY Mariner's Mag.* 1. ii. 4 Upon what Point of the Compass the Object beareth from you. 1739 *LABELYE Piers Westm. Bridge* 5 When the Wind is upon any Point of the Compass between the South and the West. 1791 *SMEATON Edystone L.* 576 A vessel steering to Foy will have the wind upon her beam. 1823 F. *CLISSOLD Ascent Mt. Blanc* 11 [It] shelled down, upon our right, in one plane of smooth rock.

*transf.* 1656 *CROMWELL Sp.* in *Burton Diary* (1828) I. p. cxix. It was never so upon the thriving hand. 1718 *WODROW Corr.* (1843) II. 362 May the kingdom of our Lord be upon the growing hand. 1854 *BAILEY Festus* (ed. 5) 252 To you, dear ass, upon the sire's side, To you, sir steed, I'm on the dam's allied.

b. *transf.* Indicating the side, part, cause, etc., espoused or supported by the agent.

c1430 *Chen. Assigne* 219 'Go we forthe, fader,' quod pe childe, 'vpon goddes halfe!' 1445 in *Anglia XXVIII.* 256 [They] seyen the duke of yorke hath god vpon his side. 1595 *SHAKS. John* 1. 34 Till she had kindled France and all the world, Vpon the right and party of her sonne. 1611 B. *JONSON Canine* v. M. 2, The least man, that falls vpon our party This day... Shall walke at pleasure, in the tents of rest. 1821 *SHELLEY Hellas* 440 Famine, and Pestilence, and Panic, shall wage war upon our side!

c. Engaged in assailing, or about to attack.

1568 *GRANTON Chron.* II. 291 The French men were so mingled among their enemies, that some time there was five men vpon one Gentleman. c1670 *WOOD Life* (O.H.S.) I. 114 Captain Walter had six rebels upon him, and... fought it out so... gallantly that [etc.]. 1701 W. *WORTON Hist. Rome* 269 The Senate heard that Severus was just upon them. 1719 *De Foe Crusoe* 1. (Globe) 270 He saw five Men upon him. 1721... *Mem. Cavalier* (1840) 211 We are all undone, the roundheads are upon us. 1860 *All Year Round* No. 66. 384 Certain manœuvres, which had just time to result... when the squall was upon us. 1885 *March. Exam.* 10 June 47 The crisis... is upon us at last.

d. Having a tendency to be; verging towards; bordering on. *Freq.* with *little Obs.*

Cf. to run upon s.v. RUN v. 70 b. 1707 L.D. *RABY in Hearne Collect.* (O.H.S.) II. 43 He is... a little upon y<sup>e</sup> dirty as all y<sup>e</sup> Poles are. 1716 in *London Gaz.* No. 5438/4 Lost... a large Brilliant... a little upon the Blue. 1738 *SWIFT Pol. Conversat.* 180, I think he's a little upon the silly, or so. 1740 tr. *De Mowhy's Fort. Country Maid* (1741) I. 35 A countenance much upon the Wheeler and the Devotee.

5. Within the bounds or limits of; in; = ON *prep.* 5. (Cf. *UPON prep.*, *quod* 1773.)

13... *Sir Beues* (A.) 4180 [He] karf... Doun rist pe viser wif is swerd And half be her vpon is berd. 1605 *SHAKS. Lear* IV. vi. 256 Seeke him out vpon the English party. 1639 *LAUD Wks.* (1853) V. 364, I find by the bishop's certificate, that he hath constantly resided upon his episcopal houses. 1765 *Museum Rust.* (V. 449 His country seat, possessed and lived upon by his ancestors for several generations. 1824 *SCOTT St. Roman's* xxii, Miss Clara... just sitting upon the wind of a door [= in a draught].

f. Denoting ratio between two numbers, etc.; = *PER prep.* III. 2, in *prep.* 4. *Obs. rare.*

1622 *MALVINS Anc. Law-Mech.* 195 In regard of leage of tenne or fifteene vpon the hundreth. 1739 *LABELYE Piers Westm. Bridge* 76 The Ascent... not being above one Foot perpendicular upon 20 Feet slope. *Ibid.* 78.

6. Denoting the day of an occurrence, regarded as a unit of time. *Freq.* also with *night, morn, morrow, euen, n, time, ftide, hour, occasion*, etc. = *ON prep.* 6.

once upon a time: see *ONCE adv.* 4.

a1300 *Cursor M.* 10810 Upon a dai at pe tid o non An angel com. 1338 R. *BRUNNE Chron.* (1810) 37 Unto Kyngeston... Com S. Dunstan, opoz a Söndeday. 1390 *GOWER Conf.* 1. 3 Now upon this tyde Men se the world... so diuersed, That [etc.]. 1400 *Arthur* 539 And some after vpon an owr He hurde of Mordred. 1424 *Stonor Papers* (Camden) I. 36 Written at Sarum apud pe seynt Michell euen. a1470 *Ibid.* 111 My wyf and y welbe with you upon Ester. 1535 *COVERDALE Job* 1. 6 Now vpon a tyme... the seruantes of God came and stode before the Lorde. 1551 *ROBINSON Tr. More's Utopia* (1895) 15 Vpon a tyme, when tidynes came [etc.]. 1621 *WEEVER Anc. Funeral Mon.* 471 Once everye yere vpon the same day of his Annuiere. 1663 *Extr. St. Papers Friends Ser.* II. (1911) 183 [They] were all brought before the mayor vpon the 28th of December. 1672 T. *GODDEN Cath. No Idolators* 35 Would an Impartial Reader (to say Dr. Taylor's expression upon another occasion) [use] [etc.] 1721 *ADDISON Spect.* No. 164 ¶ 4 Upon the Day on which... their Marriage was to have been solemnized. 1771 *MRS. GRIFFITH Hist. Lady Barton* III. 285, I wrote upon the instant, but... cannot recollect what I said. a1821 *KEATS Eve St. Mark* 1 Upon a Sabbath-day it fell. 1868 *TENNISON Lucretius* 24 He... woke upon a morn That mock'd him.

7. In, at, or during (any period of time); in the course of; = *ON prep.* 6 b. *Obs.*

a) 1390 *GOWER Conf.* 1. 314 [He] made upon the derke nyht... Gret fyr. c1400 *Destr.* Troy 8684 Wyth myche dole vpon dayes & on derke nightes, Sum walt into wodenes. 1427-9 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 364 To make a Toure to be upon day light a redy Bekyn. 1529 in *Leadam Star Chamb. Cases* (Selden) II. 34 Thomas... directed... the hole recordys... vpon a yere past or more to vs... to examine the same. 1885 T. *WASHINGTON tr. Nicholas's Voy.* I. xix, Vpon the euenng the fire... got into their powder. 1893 *SHAKS. Meas.* for M. IV. 1. 35 Vpon the Heauy middle of the night. 1668 *Act 73 Chas. II.* c. 9 § 27 No man in or belonging to the Fleet shall sleep upon his Watch. 1673 in *Picton L'pool Munic. Rec.* (1883) I. 247 Offences committed by them the same day upon the said

election. [1820 *KEATS St. Agnes* vi, Upon the honey'd middle of the night.]

(b) 1591 *UNTON Corr.* (Roxb.) 103 Upon nowe advertisement is come from the Kinge. 1638 L.D. *DIGBY Lett. Conc. Relig.* (1651) 19 To tell you what upon the present... occurrit to me.

f. Within the space of (a specified period of time); = *ON prep.* 6 c. *Obs.*

c1375 *Cursor M.* 510 (Fairf.), Be iourneys qua ga hit may, fourty myle a-pon a day. c1386 *CHAUCER Prolog.* 704 Vp on a day he gat hym moore moneye Than pat the person gat in Monthes tweye. 1457-8 in *Acta Dom. Conc.* II. Intro. 15 He sall warne thame to pass to the kings chapell... apone xl dais. 1459 *Rolls of Parlt.* V. 369/2 A commaundement... to be redy to come... upon a day warnyng. 14585 *MONTGOMERIE Misc. Poems* vii. 35 Rome were not biggit all vpon one day. 1674 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* Ser. III. IV. 299 [The lords] ordaines letters of homing upon 48 houres to be direct for that effect.

d. At the point of; close on, touching on; = *ON prep.* 6 d.

Usu. with vbl. sb. or gerundive: see group (a). *upon the point of*: see *POINT sb.* 1 D. 5.

(a) 1426 *AUDELEY Poems* 6 Have mynd apou 3oure endyng of the payns of helle. 1491 *Acta Dom. Conc.* (1839) 205/1, I am apone my saling and may nocht lang tary. 1530 *FALSGR.* 423/1, I am apone my heng downe as a woman that is nere her tyme. 1664 *DEKKER Honest Wh.* xii, Wyfe. Come the Duke this way? Plo. Hee's upon coming, mistria. 1621 *COTGR.*, Emmatid... faded, vpon withering. 1669-70 *MARVELL Corr. Wks.* (Grosart) II. 310, I intended more, but the post also is upon going. 1707 *HEARNE Collect.* (O.H.S.) II. 10 The King of Prussia is upon sending to the... Library all the... medals. a1774 *GOLDSM. Hist. Greece* I. 247 The truce... was just upon expiring. 1842 C. *WHITEHEAD R. Savage* 1. i, I was just upon commending them to a lower place.

ellipt. 1899 *Daily News* 12 Sept. 4/7 The new... recreation garden... is just upon finished.

(b) 1285 T. *WASHINGTON tr. Nicholas's Voy.* I. xix. 22 As we were vpon our departure. 1626 *BRETTON Fantasticks* 269 Few that are merry, but... wench that are vpon the marriage. 1632 *MASSINGER Maid of Hon.* v. 1, Signor Adorni is return'd! now upon entrancel 1666 *MARVELL Corr. Wks.* (Grosart) II. 197 The Smyrna fleet... is upon returne. c1680- [see go sb. 8 d]. 1722 *POPE Lett.* (1735) I. 274 I'm told you are all upon Removal very speedily. 1775 S. J. *PRATT Liberal Opin.* cxxxiii. (1783) IV. 206 Our old rector will make a subject by and by... he's certainly upon the go [= dying]. 1797 *MRS. M. ROBINSON Walsingham* IV. 318 The good fellow is upon the go; his life is not worth six weeks' purchase. 1820 *BYRON Mar. Fal.* iv. ii. 66 *Doge.* How goes the night? *Ber. F.* Almost upon the dawn.

e. By or for (a specified time). *Obs.*

1510 *Brasenose Coll. Doc.* (MS.) A 43 To make me a Dublett and a Jacket upon Crystsmas next coming.

ff. For the extent or period of. *Obs.*

Cf. upon a stretch s.v. STRETCH sb. 6 a. c1548 *HALL Chron.*, *Hen. VII.* 49 b, Which sickenes continued vpon fyue monethes.

7. a. On the occasion of; = *ON prep.* 7.

In *freq.* use c 1670-c 1825. Group (b) illustrates obs. usages.

See also OCCASION sb. 10 b, SIGHT sb. 4 b, 6 b, SUDDEN sb. 1 b, SUDDENTY 1 b, VIEW sb. 16.

(a) c1440 *CAPRARE Life St. Kath.* 1. 981 Vp-on this hir letter hath she sent. 1492 *HEN. VII* in G. Griffiths *Hist. Tong* (ed. 2) 224 To thence that upon conuersion we may shewe unto you our minde. 1515 in *Leadam Star Chamber Cases* (Selden) II. 79 The said artificers seyne that by the graunts made upon their first corporation it appereth that [etc.]. 1566 *DRANT Horace.* Sat. 1. iii. Bv, His maister hangs him straighte vpon. 1596 *BACON Use Com. Law* (1635) 2 If one kill another upon a suddaine quarrell. 1662 *CULPEPER in Extr. St. Papers Friends Ser.* II. (1911) 152 note, I have some Quakers... in prison which I doe intend to let goe upon taking the Oath. 1668 *FRYER Acc. E. India & P.* 74 The Banyans repairing to the Suburbs upon Tattoo. 1705 *COLLIER Ess. Mor. Subj.* iii. 311 Pain 13 Was ever... any Fencer, worth the naming, heard to groan upon a Hit? 1712 *ADDISON Spect.* No. 369 ¶ 17 They... were cast into Hell upon their disobedience. 1774 *GOLDSM. Hist.* (1776) II. 309 Upon comparing the various animals... with each other, we shall find [etc.]. 1817 *MILL Brit. India* II. 450 They retired upon the brisk advancement of the grenadiers. 1841 *LANE Arab. Nts.* 1. 101 Upon which they raised their heads, and answered as before. 1890 L.D. *ESHER in Law Times Rep.* LXIII. 734/1 [He] shall be released from that obligation upon the Director undertaking the case.

(b) 1510 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* I. 307/1 The slaughter... committit be him apoun subdante. 1577 *HOLINSHED Chron.* I. 35/1 Cesar... writeth that immediately vpon knowledge had... he would invade Brytaine. 1646 *Sir T. BROWNE Pseud. Ep.* 269 The Silly-how, that sometimes is found about the heads of children upon their birth. 1707 *HEARNE Collect.* (O.H.S.) II. 63 V. sneaking Villains, like Worms upon a Rain, crawl'd out. 1726 *SWIFT Gulliver* II. v, Yet often, upon a pinch, I was forced to work like a common mariner. 1736 *BUTLER Anal.* i. iv, Persons may be betrayed into wrong behaviour upon surprise. 1763 *JOHNSON in Boswell* 25 June, He has no tenants... who will follow him to the field upon an emergency.

b. Immediately after; following on.

1390 *GOWER Conf.* II. 71 What that he his tale herde, Hou upon that the king anserde With Hercules he moste feigte. 1496 *Coventry Lett. B.* 573 And what persones pat be absent pat day vpon warnyng shall pay xij d. 1523 L.D. *BERNERS Frois.* I. cxlviii. 177 [They] conquered... townes and castels one vpon the other by force. 1562 J. *HEYWOOD Prov. & Epigr.* (1867) 45 So soone vpon supper... Sleepe maketh yll... digestion. 1596 *SHAKS. Merch. V.* iv. i. 384, I am content... to render it, Vpon his death, vnto the Gentleman. 1614 *DAY Festivals* ix. (1615) 268 Whether the Fault were unawares, or upon aduise. 1645 *BP. HALL Rem. Discontents* 80 After he had upon ten years siege the rich City. 1688 *HOLME Armoury* II. 181/2 The bite or sting of a Scorpion is present Death if... [Swine] drink upon it. 1712 G. *HICKES Two Treat. Ch. Frischi.* (ed. 3) II. 30, I have wrote... not rashly or by chance, but upon thought. 1748 *Anson's Voy.* II. xiii. 276 Immediately upon this

fortunate supply they stood to the westward. 1780 *Mirror* No. 95, I left my own house immediately upon the discovery I made. 1814 *JANE AUSTEN Mansf. Park* xi, Coming, as it generally did, upon a week's previous inactivity. 1849 *MACAULAY Hist. Eng.* v. 1. 539 This plan had been dropped upon the detection of the Rye House Plot. 1883 *HOWELLS in Harper's Mag.* Dec. 79 The silence which his friend has absent-mindedly left follow upon his last words.

clipp. 1818 *COLERIDGE Import Colonial* 183 The capital should at first be less productive if... upon a balance, this become more fruitful.

7 c. As soon as. *Obs.* -1

1475 *Paston Lett.* III. 128, I woll, upon as I heer from yow, come to yow in alle hast possible.

8. Denoting physical arrangement, order, etc., = in (masses, a row, etc.). Cf. *ON prep.* 8. *rare.*

c1300 *Havelok* 892 Als he lep pe kok vn-til, He shof hem alle upon an hyl. c1400 *Destr.* Troy 1991 The Floe... Rose vponon rocks [= in high masses] as any ranke hylls. c1450 *LOVELICH Merlin* 1474 For thinges that ben past, j knowe, And thinges that ben comeng vpon a rowe. 1665 J. *WEBB Stone-Heng* 68 Nor [could] these have continued upon such a direct line, as still some of them seem to do.

9. In (a particular or specified manner, etc.); = *ON prep.* 9.

See also CROSS sb. 29, HEAD sb. 35 d, LOFT sb. 2 a, SLV sb. 2 (a), SQUARE a. 12 a, b.

c1300 *HAVELOK* 468 Godard... tok pe mayndes bothe samen, Al-so it were up-on his gamen. 1338 R. *BRUNNE Chron.* (1810) 25 Bot pat pise lowed men vpon Inglish tellis, Right story can me not ken, pe certeyne what spellis. a1400-50 *Alexander* 3300 Like to pis werke, pat pis coppis opou keli-wyse knytt in pe wokes. c1400 *Destr.* Troy 7359 There only was ordant of Ectors dethe, With all Sotelte to serche opou sere wise. c1450 *HOLLAND Howlat* 828 The lordis leuch vponon lot. c1518 *SKELTON Magnyf.* 497 Chaucer was not counterfeit but vpon thre. 1600 *SHAKS. A. Y. L.* 1. 1. 2 He was vpon this fashion bequeathed me by will. 1628 *FELTHAM Resolues* II. bxxii. 232 Though he doth forbear to call for it, yet I beleue, vpon the like, thou owest him. 1641 *EARL MONM. tr. Biand's Civil Wars* III. 146 Charles de Lens... was slaine upon cold blood.

7 b. *upon new* = *ANEW adv.* 1. *Obs.* -1

1399 *GOWER Praise of Peace* 315 Every dai it chaungeth upon newe.

10. a. Occupied with; engaged in; employed on; = *ON prep.* 10 b.

For further illustration of group (b) see *GUARD sb.* 5 a, *FATROL sb.* 1, *SENTRY sb.* 2, *WATCH sb.* 6 b.

(a) 13... *Senoy Sage* (W.) 190 He was ever upon his bok. And to his lore tok grete kepe. c1386 *CHAUCER Frankl.* T. 197 Vp on this daunce, amonges other men, Daunced a squier bifrom Dorigen. 1478 *Acta Dom. Conc.* (1839) 191 pe lordis... declarit pat pai wald nocht sit apoun na summondis quhil pe said xj day. 1612 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. I. 608 The Electour Palatine is now at the Haghe upon his voyage into England. 1634 W. *TIRWHITT tr. Balzac's Lett.* (vol. I) 154 Those who carve in Brasse or Marble waxe old upon their workes. 1659 *VANE in Burton's Diary* (1828) III. 171 Consider what it is we are upon, a Protector in the office of Chief Magistrate. 1690 *LOCKE Gov.* I. xi. §146 When Mankind were but one People... and went upon Building a City together. 1707 *HEARNE Collect.* (O.H.S.) I. 35 He designs to carry on the work, being now upon a 111 volume. 1709 *SWIFT Adv. Relig.* Wks. 1755 II. 1. 100 Neither am I at present upon a wild speculative project. 1719 *De Foe Crusoe* II. (Globe) 563 They seemed to be upon their own affairs. 1741 *RICHARDSON Pamela* I. 163 Well, Jacob, what do you stare at? Pray mind what you're upon. 1784 in B. *Ward Dawn Cath. Revival* (1909) I. iv. 81 That they may be upon the mission all unius moris in Domino. 1859 *DICKENS T. Two Cities* II. 1, He was never absent... unless upon an errand.

(b) 1577- [see *GUARD sb.* 5 a]. 1647-8 in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* Oct. (1917) 573 There was oneley townsmen upon the garde, and those expressed great joy to see Sir Hugh. 1678 *BUTLER Hist.* 111. 459 He was upon pursuit. To take you somewhere hereabout. 1681 *WETTES CAMDEN in 12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. V. 56 Lady Skidmore... was at Mr. Conisby's house upon a visette. a1716 *SOUTH Ser.* (1717) VI. 178 No Man would spend the Night upon the Sentry, who [etc.].

b. Denoting state or condition. Cf. *ON prep.* 10.

See also *BEHAVIOUR* 3, *BY sb.* 2 b, *CASE sb.* 2 b, *CONTENT sb.* 2, *DUTY* 5 c, *FRET sb.* 6, *LOAN sb.* 3, *LOOSE a.* B. 1, *OATH sb.* 1, *PAROLE sb.* 1, *TRIAL sb.* 12. The uses placed under (b) are obsolete.

(a) c1290 S. *Eng. Leg.* I. 272/30 Ich am a man opou mi seruitz, and noman serui i-nelle Bote mi loured. a1400-50 *Alexander* 42 He was wyse enogh wurdia to reken... of lodes opou lyfe. 1525 L.D. *BERNERS Frois.* II. lxxvii. [lxxvii.] 229 All suche... were styll in theyr owne houses vpon a redynes. c1580 in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* July (1914) 577 You must kepe good wache by night and be upon your owne keepinge. 1585 T. *WASHINGTON tr. Nicholas's Voy.* I. xii. 13b, The Caddy... kepeth the town vpon tribute vnder the king of Alger. 1628 *FELTHAM Resolues* II. iv. 7 Their difference is neuer so much vpon the large, as then. 1657 *EARL MONM. tr. Paruta's Pol. Disc.* 35 Large Plains in Italy, wherein he might fight the Romans, vpon great advantage. 1683 *MOXON Mech. Exerc.*, *Printing* xiii. ¶ 1 It must with the Chisel be split upon a good Blood-Red-Heat in that place. 1706 *FARQUHAR Recruiting Officer* I. i. A Granadeer... absent upon Furlow. 1769 *GOLDSM. Hist. Rome* (1786) II. 373 He never missep hitting... the fleetest animals, though upon full speed. 1788 *CLARA REVE Exiles* I. 181 Poor Albert... had been upon the fret ever since I left him. 1801 tr. *Gabrielli's Myst. Husb.* III. 86 The kettle was just upon the boil. 1823 *SOUTHEY Hist. Penins. War* I. 686 The fate of the continent was upon the hazard.

(b) 1425 *Rolls of Parlt.* IV. 290 For lake of Parsons... children have deghed uncrisnted... and wymen opou chylid perechyd. 1535 *COVERDALE 1 Chron.* xiii. 17 Yi ye come vpon discate, and to be mine aduersaries. 1604 *SHAKS. Oth.* 1. i. 100 And now in madnesse... Vpon malicious knauerie, dost thou come To start my quiet. 1707 J. *STEVENS tr. Quevedo's Com. Wks.* (1709) 45 Finding a Door upon the jar.

21715 BURNET *Oven Time* III. xiv. (1900) II. 357 Lord Russell... was upon all the secret of his [sic. Rumsey's] going beyond sea. 1740 *tr. De Mauby's Fort. Country Maid* (1741) I. 269. I had left the Door upon the Jarr.  
 c. Indicating a sphere of activity or existence.  
 Partly with implication of locative sense: cf. 1b.  
 1487 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 159 My goyth now upon the burse at a xi<sup>e</sup> iij<sup>e</sup> ob. the nobill. 1589 *NASHE Pasquil's Ret.* 1. I little thought to meete thee so suddainly upon the Exchange. c. 1645 *HOWELL Lett.* (1650) I. 26 One may hear 7. or 8. sorts of townes spoken upon their Bourses. 1709 *STEELE Tatler* No. 48 ¶4. I was curious to observe the Reception these Gentlemen met with upon Change. 1712 *Spect.* No. 266 ¶2 This Creature is what they call newly come upon the Town. 1763 *JOHNSON in Boswell* 25 June. A Merchant upon the 'Change of London. 1822 W. IRVING *Braceb. Hall* vii 59 A dashing young ensign, just come upon the town. 1838 D. JENKINS *Men of Char.* II. 255 Again was John Applejohn upon the world. 1882 *PEBOBY Eng. Journalism* xi. 79 He found employment upon the *Morning Post*.

d. With sbs. denoting activity or progress.

See also GALLOP sb. 1. 000<sup>2</sup> HUNT sb. 1b. LISTEN sb. 2. LONG RUN. SCRAMBLE sb. 1. TROT sb. 1d.  
 1645 *SLINGSBY Diary* (1836) 176 Our horse, upon a Gallop without once drawing up. 1662 J. WILSON *Cheats* 1. I was out t'other Night upon the Randan. 1678 in *12th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. V. 50 Lord Rochester hath bin at the gates of death, and so penitent that he is upon an amendment. 1728 *VANBR. & CIB. Prov. Husb.* v. 1. You will every day see hundreds as fast upon the Gallop, as she is. 1768 *GOLDSM. Good-n. Man.* i. 1. Everything upon the waste. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Jan. 105 Grain of all kinds continues upon the advance. 1877 *SURGEON Sermon* XXIII. 505 The leaves are just upon the turn, and the fall of the year is close at hand.

e. Denoting situation with a portion of time or space.

1632 SIR T. HAWKINS *tr. Mathieu's Unhappy Prosperitie* 76 His life was now almost wholly wasted, he is upon the last hour. 1680 R. L'ESTRANGE *20 Sel. Colloq. Erasm.* 258 Observing the Woman to Yawn and just upon her last Stretch, he put [etc.]. 1694-47 *STACK sb.* 6j. 1720 *De Foe Capt. Singleton* xi. (1840) 187 We being then upon our starboard tack.

11. Indicating the basis or reason of reliance, trust, etc.

See also COUNT v. 9. DEPEND v. 5. HANG v. 13b (quot. 1817). RELY v. 5. REST v. 5b. STAND v. 78c. STAY v. 2b. 3b. SUSPEND v. 9. TRUST v. 1. TRUST v. 1.  
 c. 1200 *ORMIN* 16724 And wher se lefeþþ uppenn himm, þatt mann iss all undennedd. c. 1225 *ANON R.* 280 Ur pet stonnding is treowe trust of herdi bilecu. uppenn Godes strenche. c. 1250 *Prayer to Virgin* 18 in O.E. *Misc.* 196 Al man hope is uppenn pe. c. 1315 *SHOREHAM v.* 51 Four manere ioyen hy hedde here Of hyre sone so let an dere. Wytnes opan pe godspelle. 1377 *LANG. P. Pl. B.* 1. 117 þei leudeuþ vppenn him þat lyed in his manere. 1382 *WYCLIF Isaiah* vii. 2 Siria restede vp on Effraym. 1509 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* I. 286/2 Ony proclamation... anent the intercommynyn and sitting upon the Inglismenis assouersans. 1574 R. SCOT *Platform Hop Gard.* 2. I, for my part, relye not upon other mens opinions. 1585 T. WASHINGTON *tr. Nicholay's Voy.* 1. xx. 24 [He] resolved to relye vppon so smal an assurance of the Bascha. 1604 *SHAKS. Oth.* i. ii. 295 My life vpon her faith. Honest Iago, My Desdemona must I leave to thee. 1640 *LAUD Wks.* (1853) III. 279 His Majesty's goodness was confident upon the fidelity of his subjects. 1767 *GOOCH Treat. Wounds* I. 241 It is fallacious, and by no means to be depended upon, as a Criterion. 1796 *JANE AUSTEN Pride & Prej.* i. Depend upon it... I will visit them all. 1823 *SOUTHEY Hist. Penins. War* I. 715 They counted upon succour from San Juan's troops. 1850 *TENNYSON In Mem.* xxxii. 7 Then one deep love doth supersede All other... And rests upon the Life indeed.

b. According to, in agreement or accordance with; on the model of.

(a) 1390 *GOWER Conf.* II. 108, I not if that be Somponence, But upon youre conscience, Min holi fader, demeth ye. c. 1400 *Soudene Bab.* 105 Comaundinge hem vppon her leageance To come. c. 1420 *ANON. Arth.* xxxiii. Quat is thi rawunson upon ryte. The sothe thou me sayn? c. 1440 *Jacob's Well* 66 To make amends, fully in trewe restitucyoun, vp-on pi powere. 1526 in *Acta Parl. Scot.* (1875) XII. 371. He... behavis him swa towart... yourre brother... that upon Resourne na man sall be discontent of his gyding. 1585 T. WASHINGTON *tr. Nicholay's Voy.* 1. xviii. 20b. The king... was set at libertie, vpon an accord and alliance which hee made. 1664 *Extr. St. Papers Friends* III. (1912) 226, I inform'd my Lord... that vpon my certayne knowledge a grate number would meete... at such a house. 1698 *FRYER Acc. E. India & P.* 54 Nothing remaining of it but only what is taken upon Chronicle. 1702 *VANBRUGH False Friend* i. 1. I find you much upon my taste in this matter. 1748 *RICHARDSON Clarissa* (1811) VII. 373 Here Mr. Belford gives the substance of it upon his memory. 1867 *LOWELL Fitz Adam's Story* 464 An honest cord [of wood] in Jethro still would fail By a good foot upon the Deacon's scale.

(b) a 1225 *Leg. Kath.* 994 Hwi schulde he forhohten to wurden to þet þing þet is twend (= formed) upon him? 1563 *SHUTE Archit. Bv.* This pillar [is]... made by the Ionians vpon the Symetrie of a strong man. 1776 *Ann. Reg.* 148 A rifle gun upon a new construction. 1799 W. WRIGHT *Groterque Archit.* II. The four minarets at the angles bring the plan upon a square of forty feet. 1791 *SMEATON Edgworths L.* 58: Upon these ideas I drew up... the following plan. 1863 *MARY HOWITT tr. F. Bremer's Greece* I. viii. 264 The new constitution of Greece is formed very much upon that of France. 1882 *PEBOBY Eng. Journalism* xxii. 172 The Society papers... are to some extent modelled upon the Reviews.

c. Indicating the ground, basis, occasion, or reason of an action, opinion, etc.; = ON prep. 11.

In very frequent use from c. 1525. In group (b) with allusion to literal uses (sense 1).

(a) 1456 SIR G. HAVE *Law Arms* (S.T.S.) 179 A symple knyght may nocht lede a baroun... upon his sauf condyt. a 1500 in C. Trice-Martin *Chanc. Proc.* (1904) 4 Upon untrue verrydye yoven in London ther lieth none atteynt.

1515 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* I. 403/2 The slaughter... committit apoun forthocht felony. 1554-5 in *Feuillart Revels Q. Mary* (1914) 170 In a redines to serve vpon further waynyng. 1584 R. SCOT *Discoe. Witcher.* x. i. (1886) 143 Those witches that make men beleve they can prophesie apoun dreames. 1602 W. S. Thomas *Ld. Cromwell v. Iv.* The great Lord Cromwell arrested vpon treason! 1647-8 in *Eng. Hist. Rev. Oct.* (1917) 650 How... Cholmeley came first to be employed in the Parliament service, and upon what grounds hee quitted the same. 1697 *WALSH Life* V. 26 in *Dryden Virgil*. He has solv'd more Phenomena of Nature upon sound Principles, than Aristotle in his Physics. 1725 *De Foe Plague* (1754) 14 Upon these Arguments my Brother chang'd my Resolutions again. 1747 W. GOULD *Eng. Ants Pref.* Upon this Reason my Lord Bacon does not approve of the historical Method of writing in Philosophy. 1787 *WHITAKER Mary Q. Scots Vind.* I. 62 They thus condemn the Queen... upon letters unauthenticated by the producers. 1827 *SCOTT Chron. Canonage* Intro. Invermayle obtained from the Chevalier his prisoner's freedom upon parole. 1846 *Chambers' Jnl.* VI. 280/2 Upon the most insubstantial of pretences. 1872 *LIDDON Elem. Relig.* i. 16 The most intellectual Gnostics were Sensualists: Sensualists upon a theory and with deliberation. (b) a 1400- [see FOUND v. 3. 4]. 1565 SIR R. MAITLAND in *Maitland Folio MSS.* 33 Grund all thy doing vpon sutfastnes. 1573- [see BUILD v. 6b]. 1672 T. GODDEN *Catholics No Idolaters* 23 This is the major Proposition of his Sylogism, and if this fail, the Charge he builds upon it, must needs fall. 1711 *ADDISON Spect.* No. 9 ¶8 Our Modern celebrated Clubs are founded upon Eating and Drinking. 1814 *JANE AUSTEN Mansf. Park* xlii. He particularly built upon a very happy autumn there this year. 1844 *BERSES Horae* Ex. 111 This... does give us very different ground to go upon. 1878 *Horns Princ. Relig.* iii. 13 Upon this great truth... we base all our hopes.

†d. Of (a cause of death or illness). Obs.

c. 1120 *Brut* 344 Mony a worthi man yn þat viage died vpon þe Fliz. 1510 in *Leadam Star Chamber Cases* (Selden) II. 73 Vpon the said imprisonment the same John... deyed within xij howres. 1600 *HOLLAND Lloy* 1264 Upon which fracture he died thirtie daies after. 1645 *SLINGSBY Diary* (1836) 63 Yr Gentlewoman y<sup>e</sup> had lived in it dead upon Grief. 1696 A. TELFAIR *New Confut. Sadd.* 10 Which frightened him so much, that he fell sick upon it immediately.

e. Indicating means of subsistence or existence, or an article of food furnishing sustenance.

Sometimes = 'after having taken or consumed': see (c). (a) 1457 *HARDING Chron.* in *Eng. Hist. Rev. Oct.* (1912) 747 His fyldeode exceede nocht all clere An hundredth marke to leue vpon in dede. c. 1489 *CANTON Sonnes of Aymon* iii. 98 We have loste our store of vytaylles, so that we have noo thyng to lyve upon. 1564 *Child-Marr.* 125 Asphawee is a very poore man, and liveth upon his neighbours. 1583- [see LIVE v. 2]. 1599 B. JOHNSON *Ev. Man out of Hum. Descr. Char.* A Thred-bare Sharke. One that... lives upon lendings. 1600 J. PORY *tr. Leo's Africa* vi. 276 They live vpon the flesh of Ostriches and camels. 1678 *WALTER Wond. Lit. World* v. i. 394. 467/2 'Tis thought he surfeited upon Melons. 1713 *STEELE Guard.* No. 34 He... breakfasted upon toasts and ale. 1743 P. FRANCIS *tr. Horace, Sat.* II. iii. 124 While Moths upon his rotting Carpets fed. 1818 G. S. FABER *Horae Mosaicæ* II. 281 He... the Dominiical Supper be a feast upon a sacrifice. 1832 H. MARTINEAU *Life in Wilds* ii. 26 The grass it fed upon. 1885 *Manch. Exam.* 16 June 5/1 M. Henze fed his prize oxen upon silage. c. 1917 *Prior Alma* III. 243 Was ever Tartar fierce or cruel, Upon the Strength of Water-Guard. 1737 *BRACKEN Farriery Impr.* (1757) II. 109 A young Horse may look pretty sleek upon Hay only. 1897 *MEREDITH Amazing Marriage* i. The clergyman... renouncing strong drinks, because he found that he 'cursed better upon water'.

(c) 1663 *BOYLE Usef. Exp. Nat. Philos.* II. vi. 183 Though... [it] make her sickish, especially, when she slept upon it. 1829 *SCOTT Jnl.* 5 July. So to roost upon a crust of bread and a glass of small beer, my usual supper. †f. At (an expense, cost, etc.). Obs. c. 1400 R. Gloucester's *Chron.* (Rolls) 3799 Al þe bachelerie... he nom in is compaignie... vp [v.r. rem, vppon] is coust. 1476 *Acta Auditorum* (1839) 491/1 þare to remain apoun þare awin expensas. 1513 *BRADSHAW St. Werburge* II. 1157 Many shyps were made vpon the kynges cost. 1563 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* I. 239 To commande thame to warde, to remane thairin upon their awne expence. 1577 *HANMER Eccl. Hist.* 396 He had buylded vpon his owne costes and charges the sepulchres and tumbs. 1674 *Reg. Privy Council Scot.* IV. 278 A mudwall rowme... built upon his owne coast. 1711 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. V. 124 Each company... was subsisted upon the cost of every captain for three months.

g. Denoting security of a loan, etc.

1474 *CANTON Chesse* (1883) 121 The besant... was holden & gaged vpon an ymage. 1562 J. HEYWOOD *Proov. & Epigr.* Bb ii. No man will one peny lende upon it. 1611 *BIBLE Neh.* v. 4 Wee have borrowed money... vpon our lands and vineyards. 1677 *YARRANTON Eng. Improv.* 7 Moneys lent upon Goods at very easie Interest. 1797 *Long. Gaz.* No. 4333/8 They will... Lend Money upon Tallies or other good Securities, at 51 per Cent. 1742 *KAMES Decis. Cr. J.* 55. (1799) 45 The money is secured... upon land. 1791 *BOSWELL Johnson* (1904) I. 388 Security being taken upon the property. 1861 M. PATTERSON *Ess.* (1889) I. 36 He assigns 1000 marks... to his son's wife, secured upon the Swiss possessions of his house. 1868 *ROGERS Pol. Econ.* iv. 43 If [a banker]... issues notes upon no property at all, the issue is fraudulent. 1885 *Act. 48-49 Vict.* c. 54 §11 Any mortgage or charge duly created... upon the profits of any benefice.

†h. On condition of. Obs.

1516 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* I. 422/2 The kingis grace dischargis thaim apone thair remaining in ward for the said error. 1591 *SHAKS. 1 Hen. VI.* v. v. 36 Vpon my Blessing I command thee goe. 1626 in *Picton L'pool Munic. Rec.* (1833) I. 199 Maister Lappage doth... promise that hee will continue his ministry... upon true payment and receivinge the aforesaid allowance. 1662 *STILLINGF. Orig. Sacra* III. iii. §5 If it were suitable to Gods nature to promise life to man upon obedience.

†i. Out of; with; by the use of. Obs. rare.

1553 T. WILSON *Rhet.* (1580) 42 He did not make the wife vppon the same claie, whereof he made man. 1683 *MOXON Mech. Exerc.* Printing II. ¶2 That his Letter be Cast upon good Mettal, that it may last the longer.

j. In many phrases, as upon... accord, account (of), composition, condition, design, distrust, envy, foot, fraud, head, lease, matter, purpose, score, shame, suspicion, trust, whole, for which see the sbs.

12. At the risk or with the certainty of incurring or suffering (a pain, penalty, etc.); on peril of; = ON prep. 12.

See also PAIN sb. 1b. PENALTY sb. 2d. c. 1384 *CHAUCER H. Rome* III. 157 That he shuld fast goon Vpon the peyn to be blynde. c. 1420 *Contin. Brut* 384 þe King commanded to... late hem passe yn pees, vpon deeth. *Ibid.* 385 [He] charygd ham, vpon her lyf, to kepe wel the toun and þe Castell. 1480 *CANTON Decr. Brit.* 9 Wallesmen shold not passe that dyche with wepen vpon a grette payne. 1540 *Acta Privy Council* (1837) VII. 21 To temperate his tongue hereafter upon adventure of further punishment. 1553 W. CHOLMELEY *Req. & Suite* 19 in *Camden Misc.* (1853) II. Commandyng... the Aldermen, upon the losse of their auctoritie and office... to see [etc.]. 1596 *Edward III.* 1. i. 70 With threats, Vppon a penaltie, inioynd to come. 1603 *FARSONS and Ft. Three Coners.* Eng. xii. 625 The Duke protesteth the contrary Vpon his death. 1656 *EARL MONM.* *tr. Boccalini's Advers.* *fr. Formas.* 126, I have... upon severe punishment, inhibited the translation of my Alcheron. 1699 *BENTLEY Phal.* 439 He order'd every man upon the pain of death to bring in all the money he had.

13. Indicating that which forms the basis of revenue, profit, fines, taxation, lending, etc.; = ON prep. 13.

See also RETIRE v. 1c (quot. 1806). TAX sb. 1. 1. 1466 *Acta Auditorum* (1839) 4/2 [He] sall... resauce þe soume of monee aucht till him vppon þe said annuel. 1495 *Act 11 Hen. VII.* c. 43 *Preamble*. So that the said Erie upon his said leases... do reserve asmuch rentis... as be now useull. 1535 *COVERDALE Neb.* v. 3 Let vs borowe money of the kinge vpon vsury. 1554 in *Leadam Star Chamber Cases* (Selden) II. 217 They so offending to be payed upon a certain some of money. 1677 *PETTY Pol. Arithm.* (1699) 272 Such a part of the full value of their Commodities, as may possibly be lost upon the sale of them. 1719 *D'URVEY Fills* I. 333 Five hundred Pounds upon the brown Bay still. 1798 *Hull Advertiser* 24 Mar. 2/3 Insurance upon... outhouses, and upon untreshed stock therein. 1845 R. W. HAMILTON *Pop. Education* x. 278 How can the State raise the amount? Is not to be raised upon the people? 1892 *Low Times* XCIV. 104/1 A commission of over 60 per cent. upon the sums received.

14. Of motion or direction towards a position, thing or person, state, etc.

14. Upward so as to place or be on a surface, point, etc. Cf. ON prep. 14.

c. 1200 *ORMIN* 11959 þe deoffel brohhte Jesu Crist Wipputenn o þe temple Upponn an sate uppe þe ref. c. 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3899 Moyse for made a wirme of bras, And henget hege up on a saft. c. 1300 *Havelok* 142 He lep up on a stede lith. 13... *Seuyn Sages* (W.A.) 2318 Vpon his palfrei lep Catoun. 1375. 1470-85 [see STAT v. 1]. 1470-85 *MALORY Arthur* ix. xxx. 384 They came vpon sir launcelot sodenly and vnnethe he myght putte vpon hym his helme. 1535 *COVERDALE Joel* ii. 9 They shal clymme vp vpon the houses. 1627 *DRAYTON Nymphidia* xviii. Flye Cranion her Chariotter Vpon the Coach-boon getting. 1639 S. DU CHESNE *tr. Camus Admir. Events* 130 He leapes upon his Mule. 1725 *Pam. Dict.* s.v. *Pears*, Mount them one upon another Steeplewise. 1847 *TENNYSON Princ.* III. 208 To lift the woman's fall'n divinity Upon an even pedestal with man. 1854 H. MILLER *Sch. & Schm.* xxi. 460 A large loligo... had thrown itself high and dry upon the beach.

b. To or towards a position on a surface, etc.; = ON prep. 14.

Group (b) corresponds to sense 1 c; group (c) illustrates non-physical uses.

(a) c. 1200 *ORMIN* 14667 Snip itt, alls itt were an shep, & le33 itt uppenn aliter. c. 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 3186 On an gold gad þe name god is grauen, and leid up-on þe Bod. *Ibid.* 3949 Vp-on hise ase his said hel dede. a 1300 *Cursor M.* 8894 Vnwarli sco sett hir don Apou þis ilk tre. c. 1386 *CHAUCER Knt.'s T.* 921 Some droppe of pitee... Vp on vs wreched women lat thou falle. c. 1391... *Astrol.* II. 57 Ley this label vp-on the same degree of the sonne. c. 1400 *St. Alexius* (Cotton) 257 They hylde water wppon hys hede. c. 1430 *Two Cookery Bks.* 42 þan take fayre peces of Brede... vppe-on þe Eyroun. 1602 *MARSTON Antonio's Rev.* IV. iii. Her head sunk down upon her breast. a 1655 SIR T. MAYNEKE *Archimag. Anglo-Gall.* No. 84 (1658) 58 Lay this froth upon your sullub as high as you can. 1697 *DRYDEN Virg. Georg.* iv. 611 The various kind... draws a Rock upon his dark Abode. 1728 *CHAMBERS Cyc.* s.v. *Triangle*, If a Perpendicular be let fall upon the Base of an oblique angled Triangle. 1808 *SCOTT Marm.* II. i. Upon the gale she stooped her side. 1844 J. JACK *Hist. of St. Monance* xli. 74 The shipper placed upon the table a large wooden cap or platter. 1870 *ANDERSON Missions Amer. Bd.* IV. xxvi. 63 The mob rushed forward and trampled spitefully upon it. c. 1450 *Mirk's Festial* i. 5 Sle, sle, oþon þe broche, rost hote.

(b) 1303 R. BRUNNE *Handl. Synne* 952 Syttyp down vppon yourre knees. c. 1400 26 *Pol. Poems* 149/233. I set me doune upon my kne. 1486 *Bk. St. Albans* b iv b. Softe and layserly fall oþon yourre knees. 1535 *COVERDALE Mark* xv. 19 [They] fell vpon the kne, & worshipped him. a 1578 *LINDSAY (Pittscottie) Chron. Scot.* (S.T.S.) I. 209 The said



preist.. knellit doune vpon his knie. 1611 SHAKS. *Cymb.* iv. 1. 288 Come on, away, apart vpon our knees. 1837 SIR F. PALGRAVE *Merch. & Friar* iv. (1844) 176 The Chancellor, dropping off the Woolstack upon his bended knees. 1876 F. K. ROBINSON *Whitby Gloss.* 208, 'Up-end yourself,' get upon your legs.

(c) 1325 *Spec. Gy Warw.* 995 And anon god putte his fuisoun vp-on hire meke. 1382 WYCLIF *Job* xxv. 3 Vp on whom shyneth not the list of hym? 1461 *Rolls of Parl.* v. 451/2 Takyn upon hym... the Coroune and name of Kyng. 1535 COVERDALE *Num.* vi. 25 The Lorde make his face to shyne vpon the. 1656 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccalini's Advt.* fr. *Parnass.* ii. vi. 210 Whereby they had put themselves... upon great difficulties. 1697 DRYDEN *Virg. Georg.* iv. 773 The Nymphs, Companions of th' unhappy Maid, This Punishment upon thy Crimes have laid. 1765 STERNE *Tr. Shandy* viii. xxi. I fell in love all at once... it burst upon me... like a bomb. 1768 BOSWELL *Lett.* (1924) 145, I am thrown upon the wide world again. 1793 T. BEDDOES *Demonstr. Evid.* 79 The magnitudes, being doubled upon themselves, increase so, that [etc.]. 1816 BYRON *Prisoner of Chillon* x, A light broke in upon my brain.

c. Denoting incidence, seizure, hold, etc.; = ON prep. 14 b.

1350 *Gen. & Ex.* 2339 Do cam isep swile rewbe up-on, he dede halle ut to totere gon. 1398 TREVISAR *Barth.* De P.R. xvii. cxv. (Bodl. MS.), Ripe & igadered ere corrupcioune upon crastine falle vpon whete. 1530 PALSGR. 748/2, I take holde upon one, *jempoyne*. 1535 COVERDALE *Ps.* cxiv. 3 The paynes of hell gat holde vpon me. 1535- [see LAY v. 22]. 1546- [see SEIZE v. 9]. 1632 LITWICHOW *Trav.* vii. 303 The Venetian Factor ceased vpon all. 1666 *Extr. St. Papers* Friends iii. (1912) 240 There was a full congregation of quakers and the like seized vpon by Sir Francis Clarke Sunday last. 1880 J. PAYNE *New Poems* 259 A deadly terror got A sudden hold upon her. 1892 H. LANE *Differ. Rheum.* *Dis.* (ed. 2) 67 It seems to have taken a firm hold upon the public.

d. Of the incidence of a blow, stroke, etc.; = ON prep. 14 c.

1300 *Havelok* 2734 He... smot him so up-on pe crune, bat [etc.]. 13... *Guy Warw.* (A.) 2368 pan hastiliche pe ost ichon Opon Segyn pat smiten anon. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* x. lx. 516 Sir Tristram gaf hym suche a buffet vpon the helme. 1507 in *Leadam Star Chamber Cases* (Selden) 253 He sawe... lrtion being hurt vpon the hed. 1562 *Aberd. Kirk Sess. Rec.* (Spalding Cl.) 6 To be punisht with ane palm vpon the hand for ilk falt. 1594 *Selimus* 1447 Dart Thy smouldring flame Vpon the head of cursed Acomat. 1611 BIBLE *Exod.* vii. 17 Behold, I will smite with the rod... vpon the waters. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 9, ¶ 11 His Neighbour may give him a Kick upon the Shins. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus*, *Hist.* i. xxi. 13 Many... have stood amazed... when they saw him... shoot the arrow upon the mark. 1820 SCOTT *Rokby* vi. xxi. One stroke, upon the Castle bell, To Oswald rung his dying knell. 1844 MRS. BROWNING *Drama Exile* 64 This is the Eden lost By Lucifer!... this the sword... That smote upon the forehead. 1881 BESANT & RICE *Chapl. of Fleet* i. viii. The cruel cat falling at every step upon their... bleeding shoulders.

e. In phrases of the type *harm upon harm*, *torment upon torment*, denoting cumulative addition or repetition; = ON prep. 14 d.

1330 R. BRUNNE *Medit.* 865 heys he wounded here, and heped harm vp on harmes. 1380 WYCLIF *2d Whk.* iii. 346 And so servauntis upon servauntis weren chargilous to his hous. 1485 *Digby Myst.* (1882) iv. 1326 He had torment upon torment. 1529 S. FISH *Supplic. Beggars* (1871) 13 The capteyns of his kingdom... have heped to him benefice vpon benefice. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch.* v. iii. i. 91 Why, thou losse vpon losse! 1599 — *Much Ado* ii. i. 252 Hudling iest vpon iest, with... impossible conueciance vpon me. 1613 PURCHAS *Pilgrimage* (1614) 152 Which heaped vpon them Anathema vpon Anathema. 1699 EVELYN *Acetaria* App. P. 4, Cover the Bottom of the Jar with some Dill... then a Bed of Nuts; and so stratum upon stratum. 1864 KINGSLEY *Roman & T.* 137 Dietrich had had to write letter upon letter. 1882 'OUIDA' *Maremma* i. 90 Centuries upon centuries of carnage... have laid the land bare. 1884 C. F. WOOLSON in *Harper's Mag.* Feb. 371 Millions upon millions of violets.

f. On (a voyage, expedition, mission, etc.); = ON prep. 14 e.

1246 LYDG. *De Guil. Pilgr.* 648 Or I myhte make my passage To gynnen vpon my pylgrimage. 1430 — *Min. Poems* (Percy Soc.) 12 The kyng proceding forth upon his way, come to the Condyte. 1596 SHAKS. *1 Hen.* IV. i. iii. 150 When the vnhappy King... did set forth Vpon his Irish Expedition. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 55 ¶ 1 A young Fellow... setse upon a long Voyage. 1712 ROGERS *Voy.* 324 To encourage our South Sea Company... to go upon some Discovery that way. 1817 KIRBY & SP. *Entomol.* xvii. II. 77 The rufescent ants do not leave their nests to go upon these expeditions... till [etc.]. 1839 BAILEY *Fauna* 232 As on they sped upon their starward course.

15. Into contact or collision with, esp. by way of attack; against; = ON prep. 15.

See also COVE v. 51 b, FALL v. 70 b, FLY v. 1 b, GO v. 67 a, LAY v. 132 a, SET v. 132 a.

1300 *Cursor M.* 2461 Me-thoght moight it [v.r.] i) upon him rine... I sild ha been all hale. 13... *Guy Warw.* (A.) 1096 bou schalt jif be first assat Opon pe Almaundes. 1385 CHAUCER *L.G.W.* 1327 *Dido* (Fairf.). On a nyght sleping he let hir lye, And staal a-wey vpon [v.r. vnto] his companye. 1400 *Sc. Trojan War* ii. 444 Russhande wpon the altare. 1450 *Merlin* iii. 56 When Vter saugh... the Danes assembled, he sette vpon hem as vigorously or more. 1500 *Melusine* lix. 348 Go we vpon our enemies to helpe & socoure our frendes. 1535 COVERDALE *2 Sam.* xvii. 35 And when he wolde haue bene vpon me, I toke him by his beerde. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* i. xix. 22 The Turkes... vpon whom they of the Castle... gaue an assault. 1622 MABBE tr. *Aleman's Gusanan d'Alf.* II. 48, I stumbled vpon a great dung nisten. 1632 TULLAM *God's Power* 2 Wee eight men were bound for this Greenland aforesaid, to make a voyage upon Whales or Sea-horse. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 299 ¶ 2 He drew his Sword upon me before he was nine years old. 1782 COWPER *Royal George* 20 She ran upon no rock. 1801 STRUTT *Sports & Past.* iii. i. 130 The two combatants... were thereby prevented from running

their horses upon each other. 1857 T. HUGHES *Tom Brown* i. ix. [The] run plump upon one of the masters as they emerge into the High Street.

ellipt. 1450 *Merlin* iii. 56 The kyng seide to his peple, 'Now vpon hem in all that we may.' 1535 COVERDALE *2 Sam.* xviii. 14 Not so, I will vpon him before thy face. 1588 SHAKS. *L.L.L.* iv. iii. 367 Advance your standards, & vpon them Lords. 1821 BYRON *Sardanap.* iv. i. Upon them! (Trumpet sounds again.)

fig. 1535- [see RUSH v. 6 b, 3 a]. 1887 'L. CARROLL' *Game of Logic* i. 36 Let them Rush upon their Fate!

16. In the direction of; towards; = ON prep. 16.

a. In respect of looking, etc.

See also CAST v. 7, FRONT v. 1, CAPE v. 1, GAZE v. 1 b, GLARE v. 2, LAUGH v. 4, LOOK v. 1, PORE v. 1, SEE v. 21, SMILE v. 2 a, SQUINT v. 2.

1225 *Anec.* R. 56 To kesten kang eien upon junge wummen. 1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 2661 Dor quiles he seweden [= looked] him up-on, Mani dede bileph un-don. 1340 HAMPOLE *Pr. Cons.* 5024 pair bodys sal alle unsemely be... and ugly, upon to se. 1386 CHAUCER *Knt.* T. 219 He cast his eye vpon Emelya. 14... in E.E.P. (1862) 144 Dame ypoorte luke vp-on a boke. 1526 TINDALE *2 John* i. 1 That which... we have looked upon, and our bondes have handled. 1581 [see TURN v. 48]. 1632 LITWICHOW *Trav.* i. 38 Arthur looked vpon me, and I laughed vpon him. 1710 STURVE *Life & Acts of E. Grindal* vii. 70 These Unsuccesses were justly looked upon to proceed from the punishing Hand of Heaven. 1790 BRUCE *Source of Nile* i. 5 We pointed our prow directly... upon Alexandria. 1799 WORDSW. *Two April Mornings* 19 Matthew... fixing still his eye Upon the eastern mountain-top. 1845 S. AUSTIN *Ranke's Hist. Ref.* II. 357 The fears of some, the hopes of others, and the attention of all, were now turned upon the young emperor. 1874 FARRAR *Christ* I. 472 He turned his back for a time upon his native land. 1884 MRS. OLIPHANT *Sir Tom* iv, Her gray eyes absolutely flamed upon him.

b. In respect of movement, etc.

1400 *Morte Arth.* 262 Thow countez no cas, ne castes no forthire, Bot hurles forth apnone heuede, as thi herite thyngkes. 1400 *Derf. Trav.* 624 If any stert vpon stray, strike byste to dethe! 1514 *Guyfford's Pyke* (Camden) 21 After... viij. dayes... he come vpon [= appeared to] themyn ayen. 1534 SIR T. HERBERT *Trav.* II [We] were driuen to lee-ward a hundred leages vpon the Coast of Brazil. 1697 COLLIER *Ess. Mor. Subj.* i. B1, Unless you point directly upon his Vice. 1716 *Lond. Gaz.* No. 5455/3 Our Fleet... bore down upon them. 1828 in *Concannon Roue v. Brenton* (1830) 20 To sink a shaft upon the lode. 1829 NAPIER *Penins. War* II. 142 The hospitals... of Salamanca being evacuated upon Lamego, that town was crowded.

17. †a. In or into (pieces); = ON prep. 17 b.

1400 *Sege Jerusalem* 699 Twey apys... bat renten pe rawe flesche vpon rede peeces.

b. Into, as by penetration; = ON prep. 17 a.

1738 HERRING in J. Duncombe *Lett.* (1773) II. 137 The sea, which here indents upon the country.

18. Unto, to (a person); in reference to descent or (Sc.) marriage; = ON prep. 18.

1492 *Acta Dom. Conc.* (1830) 254/2 His faider... mariyt him apoun his sister dochter inconcitate his band. 1536 BELLENDEN *Cron. Scot.* (1821) I. 127 The eldest of hir dochteris was married upon... Marius. 1596 BACON *Use Com. Law* (1635) 32 If this inheritance descend upon a woman. 1667 [see DESCEND v. 9]. 1821 GALT *Ann. Parish* i, My marriage upon my own counsil. Miss Betty Lانشaw. 1893 STEVENSON *Catriona* xxi, She was married... upon my Uncle Robin.

19. Into, to, or on (some action, occupation, course, or condition); = ON prep. 19.

1300 *Cursor M.* 15580 Alle pe apostels pan bi-gan to fal a-pon a gret. 1390 *Gower Conf.* I. 30 Thanne upon dissencion they felle. 1435 [see SET v. 114]. 1483 in *Acta Dom. Conc.* II. Intro. 103 The said schirif put apone the said inquest... persons quikly was suspiet of the law. 1513 FAYAN *Chron.* 351 A quest of xii. knyghtes of Myddlesex sworne vpon a iurye. 1582- [see RUN v. 70 d]. 1607 T. ROGERS *39 Art. Pref.* §5 Wee set vpon the building of Gods house. 1625- [see FALL v. 70 d]. 1668 ALLSTREE *Whale Duty* *Mon.* xv. 322-300 It puts the child vpon stiles, and rickell 1799 *Strat. Ann. Ref.* i. xxi. 240 Some while... after the entrance of Queen Elizabeth upon her government. 1750 JOHNSON *Ramblor* No. 1 ¶ 1 The perplexity of being forced upon choice. 1764 FOOTE *Mayor of G.* i. Wks. 1799 I. 165 I advised him to pull off his spurs before he went upon action. 1813 *Examiner* 17 May 320/1 It put the Church upon the alert. 1847 WORDSW. in *Mem.* (1851) I. 14 When at school, I... was put upon reading the first six books of Euclid.

20. Indicating the person or thing that action, feeling, etc., is directed towards or against, or that is influenced or affected by it; = ON prep. 20.

Construed with many verbs, as *attend*, *await*, *bear*, *bespit*, *bestow*, *breathe*, *call*, *charge*, etc. See also FIEAT i. 2, OUT int. 2, SHAME ii. 16 b.

1200 *Onain* 1750 pa bedess, patt to Lafard Crist Forr his beowess biodepp. Uppon his fadere heofenknig. *Ibid.* 6119 he birtv þin rihhte swinnisk winn Uppon juw alle nittenn. 1225 *Leg. Cath.* 130 Ah se none ha... wende hare wihles, upon ham scoluen. 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 3167 be king ek in is syde is herre up on him caste. 1320 *Cast. Loce.* 1482 bat muche wo vs broutte vpon. 1400 tr. *Secreta Secret.*, *Gov. Lordsh.* 106 He hadde greuously synned vpon him. 1473 WARKW. *Chron.* (Camden) 8 The Kyng... losyde his gonnys of his ordynance upponne them. 1500 *Melusine* lix. 360 Be ye he that wyl take the trybute vpon my Fortresse? 1533 *Acc. Ld. High Treas.* Scot. VI. 156 To Johne Drummond's childer wirkand upoune the hagbute stokkis. 1585 T. WASHINGTON tr. *Nicholay's Voy.* i. xviii. 21 We will not leave the following on vpon our purpose. 1633 MARMION *Pine Companion* i. iii. (1875) 114 they can doe no more good upon me, than a young pigmyd Loner upon a mistess that has the sullen. 1666 EARL MONM. tr. *Boccalini's Advt.* fr. *Parnass.* ii. v. 206 He... had made their places be conferred upon men void of counsel. 1680 *Laws Nevit* iii. (1740) 6 If the said Offenders are not able to pay... then to be compelled to work it out upon the Forts. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus*, *Antiq.* xvi. iv. §3 The father

may have a suspicion upon all his sons. 1796 *Ann. Reg.* *St. Papers* 297 The constitution... is sacredly obligatory upon all. 1805 tr. *Lafontaine's Hermann & Emilia* i. 261 Nothing is more detestable than to offer one's self upon a young man. 1850 ROBERTSON *Serm.* Ser. III. (1857) 7 Persecution is that which affixes penalties upon views held, instead of upon life led. 1896 *Peterson Mag.* Jan. 102/2 The intruded-upon young lady turned her back upon him.

b. Denoting the object of regard, desire, etc.; = ON prep. 20 b.

See also DOTE v. 1, 3, EAGER a. 6, KEEN a. 6 b, MAD a. 4, RUN v. 70 b, SET v. 37.

1330 R. BRUNNE *Chron. Wace* (Rolls) 7604 Opon pat meydien he wox all mad. 1382 WYCLIF *Prin* xxxix. [xl.] 17 Ful out iose thei, and glade vpon me alle that sechen thee. 1449 PECOCK *Repr.* ff. xx. 267 He schal haue michie gretter affeccioun vpon the seid freend. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* x. lvi. 508 Louers... 300 mad and 500 soted vpon wymmen. 1578 LINDESAY (Piscatorie) *Chron.* Scot. (S.T.S.) i. 169 The king... was covitous wpon money. 1587 BARCKLEY *Felic. Man* i. 51 A young man... that was... enamoured vpon an image of marble. 1614 BP. HALL *Recoll. Treat.* 982 In this case, Moses should have bene... cast downe... yet how hot is hee upon justice. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 106 ¶ 3 When he is pleasant upon any of them, all his Family are in good Humour. 1843 *Fraser's Mag.* XXVIII. 619 O'Connell is bent upon the disruption of the British empire.

†c. Among (a number of sharers, etc.). Obs.

1492 in *10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* App. V. 323 Distributors of the same upon the commynes. 1526 TINDALE *Rom.* xv. 26 To make a certayne distribution upon the poore sanctes. 1598 DALLINGTON *Meth. Trav.* K. 3, Hee diuideth the Lands vpon his horsemen, to each his portion.

d. Indicating the person by whom a cheque, draft, order, etc., is payable, or the bank on which it is drawn; = ON prep. 20 c.

See also CHEQUE v. 3, DRAUGHT v. 35, DRAW v. 65. 1660 *Nicholas Papers* (Camden) IV. 226 Mr. Fox having giuen mee a note upon Mr. Shaw to pay me my allowance. 1722 FOUNTAINHALL *Decis.* (1759) I. 12 The bill upon his wife for £200. 1722 DE FOE *Col. Jack* (1840) 216 He shows me a bill upon me, drawn by my wife. 1798 in *Ushaw Mag.* Dec. (1913) 287 An order upon Mr. Wright for £12 as the price of the book sent you. 1843 *Blackw. Mag.* LV. 736 It may be quite as well... to draw upon the bank.

21. Indicating a person or thing towards whom or which hostile or adverse action or language is directed; against; = ON prep. 21.

See also (a) BLOW v. 30, COMPLAIN v. 6 b, CRY v. 21 b, DESIGN v. 1 b, LIE v. 1 b, PEACH v. 2, RAGE v. 2 b, RAIL v. 1 b, STEAL v. 5 c; (b) GO v. 67 a, MAKE v. 81, SEEK v. 17. (c) 1200 ORMIN 416 bat fand man nan vpon hemm To wrejnen, ne to uellenn. 1225 *Leg. Cath.* 2204 pa Porphire iseh feole, þet me seide hit upon... dreien to deaþe. 1275 *Passion Our Lord* 241 in O.E. *Miss.* 44 A uole kunne wise hi lowen him vp-on. 1430 LYDG. *Rom. Shepe & G.* 151 He cryethe after peasse, compleynnythe vpon pe werres sear. 1440 *Alph. Tales* 12 pjs abbatis... forgaþ painn all þat had saide vpon hur. 1560 DAUS tr. *Sleidan's Comen.* 10 He declarth howe greuously he is complained upon unto the Duke. 1624 *LAUD Diary* 2 Dec. They were sufficiently railed upon in the streets. 1651 H. MORE *Second Lash in Enthus.* Tri., etc. (1656) 253, I now forgive thee heartily for all thy abuses upon me. 1715 BURNETT *Own Time* III. (1900) II. 84 The court carried every question... though with... a protestation made upon every step that was carried. 1737 WHISTON *Josephus*, *Hist.* v. xiii. §1 He also jested upon him. 1753 MISS COLLIER *Art Torment.* II. ii. (1811) 130 Nor need you be apprehensive of the others telling tales upon you. 1861 F. TEMPLE *Serm.* 274 The unhappy man who has no courage to tell upon himself. 1891 *Law Times* XC. 441/2 The judges... must accept criticism upon their order.

(b) 1200 ORMIN 7155 Forr þat he wennde þatst folc Uppon himm cumenn were... for to nypþenn himm. 1230 *Hali Meid.* 17 Leccherie... secheþ earst upon hire, nebbe to nebbe. 1300 *Havelok* 65 Was non so bold... bat durste upon his menie bringhe Hunger. 13... K. ALI. 4875 (Laud MS.), Euermore hij bep werrende, And vpon oper conquerrende. 1386 CHAUCER *Munk's T.* 537 The peple roos vp-on hym on a nyght. 1393 *LANGL. P. Pl.* C. vii. 106 Ich am wratthe... wol gladliche smyte Bope with ston and with staf, and stete vp-on myn enemy. 1450 *Merlin* ii. 24 The hethen assembled a grete oste vpon hem. 1475 *Bk. Noblesse* (Roxb.) 5 They bring assailours upon this lande. 1518 in *Leadam Star Chamber Cases* (Selden) II. 137 Afterwards they sought vpon hym at hys bothe with ij clubbys. 1535 COVERDALE *1 Edras* i. 27, I am not sent... to fight agaynst y, for my wate is upon Euphrates. 1608 *Yorksh. Trag.* vii. 17 It shall be my charge To raise the towne vpon him.

(c) 1476 *Acta Auditorum* (1839) 55/2 Elene Tulloch... wes marijt pe tim pat pe said det was recouert apou hir. 1482 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 85 To see the hurtes and harms he dyd yow uppon your goodes. 1598 BARRET *Theor. Warre* 28 He is to haue great care that his soldiars grow not licencious vpon their poore hosts. 1647 in *Crawford Proclam.* (1910) II. 55/1 Robberies committed by the tories and rebels upon the protestants. 1678 WANLEY *World Lit.* World v. i. §98 Encroachments upon his Dominions. 1748 *Ann's Voy.* ii. v. 176 The most eligible situation on that coast for cruising upon the enemy. 1754 A. MURPHY *Gray's Inn Journal* No. 102 ¶ 2 A Design upon one another's Pockets... was introductory of another Crime. 1772 in *Eng. Hist. Rev.* Jan. (1915) 20 He places a number of... sepoys upon them and their families. 1883 *Harper's Mag.* Aug. 481/2 The disadvantages are... unreliability in stays... hardness upon helms.

b. On or against (a person), by way of vengeance or the like.

1300 *Cursor M.* 5862 bat suerd apou has tak na wrak. 1400 *Pilgr. Soule* (Caxton, 1843) III. viii. 55 They alwey haugen sought vengeance... to be broken vpon tho that ought haue mysliden them. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* x. lv. 500e Soone we shold haue ben reuenged vpon the fals knyghtes. 1526- [see REVENGE v. 1-2]. 1535 COVERDALE *Isaiah* i. 23, I must ease me of myne enemies, and a venge me vpon them. 1595 *Loctine* ii. v. 86 Reuenge my death vpon his traiterous head. 1860 *Hook Lives Abp.* i. vii. 377 Edwy had the power to avenge himself upon Dunstan.



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*ellipt.* c.1485 *Digby Myst.* (1882) 1. 322 A shameful deth I aske vpon herowde. 1535 COVEDEALE Pt. lviii. 10 God leteth me se my desyre vpon myne enemies.

c. So as to close in or confine.

1382 WYCLIF 2 Kings iv. 5 The woman wente, and closede the dore vpon hir self, and vpon hir children. 1535 COVEDEALE Num. xvi. 33 They wente downe quycke in to the hell. And the ixth. closed vpon them. — *Ex. lxi.* 15 That... the pitte shut not hir mouth vpon me. 1633 T. ADAMS *Exp.* 2 Pt. ii. 5 The Lord... himselfe shut the doore of the Arke vpon Noah. 1701 PRIDEAUX *Direct. Ch. wardens* (1712) 10 If they shall meet... with the Doors lock'd, barred, or bolted upon them. 1844 DICKENS *Mart. Chuz.* xlviii. Softly turning the key upon him as they went out.

22. With respect or regard to; in reference to; touching, concerning; as to; = ON *prep.* 22.

See also AGREE v. 10b, COMPLIMENT v. 3, CONCLUDE v. 13, CONSULT v. 1, INSIST v. 3, LOT sb. 1, MATTER sb. 25c, PRIDE v. 4, TREAT v. 2a, VALUE v. 6.

1382 WYCLIF *Ecluz.* xxii. 11 A liil weip vp on the deade, for he rested. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 110, I finde upon Surquidrie. How that, Be olde, daies was a King [etc.]. c.1400 *Contin. Brut* 321. 5 Be whiche parlement was trefed... how he myght best upon his wrong be avenged. 1439 *Cases bef. King's Council* (Selden) 105. The Kyngis counsaillours examined the persones... upon the ryot. 1484 *Surtees Misc.* (1888) 43 Sursuming none other upon hymne. 1515 in *Leadam Star Chamber Cases* (Selden) II. 85 Two seuerall Writtes... to theym directed to enquire and examyn vpon certen Interrogatories. 1584 COGAN *Haven Health* xc. 81 If you will not be at cost vpon spices, you may make a very sweete water thus. 1609 BIBLE (Douay) i Kings xxx. 6 The soule of everie man was bitterly affected upon their sonnes, and daughters. 1680 MOXON *Mech. Exerc.* xiii. 227 Having such good Success upon Brass, I improv'd the Invention so, as to make it serve for Wood also. 1710 STEELE *Tatler* No. 150 ¶ 4. I could name Two, who... fell out and parted Beds upon the boiling of a Leg of Mutton. 1760 *Imposters Detected* III. vii. [Shc] was not in the least vain or proud upon the encomiums... from every mouth. 1826 *Art of Brewing* (ed. 2) 9 Opinions and practices... completely at variance upon the subject of mashing. 1843 *Blackw. Mag.* LIV. 209, I shall set you at ease... upon that point. 1885 SIR H. C. LOPES in *Law Reports* 14 Q.B.D. 921 This case raises a novel point upon which there is no authority.

b. Denoting the object or to towards which mental activity is directed; = ON *prep.* 22b.

See also CONSIDER v. 11b, MEDITATE v. 4b, MIN v. 7 3b, MIND sb. 7 (quot. 1589), PUT v. 27c, REFLECT v. 13, REMEMBER v. 4c, RUN v. 70c, STUDY v. 1, 2, THINK v. 3b, TREAT v. 2.

1300 *Sarmun* xxxvi. in E.E.P. (1862) 5 And pench pos wrothe her ispoke; for-jite ham nost ac pench apan. a.1300 *Cursor M.* 112 In hir wirschip wald I bigyn A lastand warc apon to myn. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 14 To studie upon the wordes lere Sufficeth now withoute more. a.1400 *Isambard* 427 Sir Ysambrace hym umbithoghte Appone a horse that coles broghte. c.1450 *Merlin* iii. 49 The moste remembrance that I shall have, shall be vpon yow, and on yowre nedes. 1463 *Bury Wills* (Camden) 34 A remembrance to thinke vpon me. 1584 N. T. (Rhem.) *Matt.* vii. 28 The multitude were in admiration vpon his doctrine. 1611 BIBLE i Tim. iv. 15 Meditate vpon these things. 1655 EARL ORRERY *Parthen.* i. viii. 418 Did you reflect upon it with an vnprejudicate opinion. 1719 DE FOE *Croaze* i. (Globe) 226, I ask'd him what it was he study'd upon. *Ibid.* ii. (Globe) 379 But now the Admiracion was turn'd upon another question. 1871 W. ALEXANDER *Johnny Gibb* xlv. It has a closin' in heid-piece concern that min's me... upon a mutch that my wife had anc. 1899 W. J. LOCKE *White Dove* 3 — was at last able to reflect upon the entire unexpectedness of his presence.

c. Denoting the subject of speech or writing; = ON *prep.* 22c.

Freq. with verbs, as *have*, *talk*, *write*; AMPLIFY v. 7b, CRITICIZE v. 1b, DISTINGUISH v. 1b, SPEAK v. 15. (a) a.1390 *Wycliffe Bible* (1850) IV. 303 An other [prologue] vpon Romayns. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 615 Laodomic his lusti wiif... Upon a thing wherof sche dradde for lettre... sende him. 1525 LD. BERNERS *Frois.* II. Preface. My Preface vpon the first volume of this cronycle. 1533 FRITH *Answ. More Eijib.* b. The mynde and exposition of the olde Doctours vpon the wordes of Chrystes maundy. 1557 *Tottel's Misc.* (Arb.) 113 Vpon the decess of W. Ch. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* II. i. 23 We would spend it in some wordes vpon that Business. 1697 DE FOE *Ess. Projects* Pref., I would not adventure to appear in Print upon that Subject. 1709 STEELE *Tatler* No. 114 ¶ 1 Our Discourse chanced to be upon the Subject of Death. 1758 BOSWELL *Leit.* (1924) 6 From 1 to 2, [I] attend a college upon Roman Antiquities. 1801 *Farmer's Mag.* Jan. 66 A series of animadversions... published upon it in a provincial paper. 1824 BYRON *Juan* xvi. xlviii. She... Made epigrams. Upon her friends. 1893 STEVENSON *Catrina* xii. He engaged the goodwife... with some compliments upon the rizzoring of our haddock.

(b) 1483 CAXTON *G. de la Tour* 107 Now I shall telle yow upon this matere of a good lady. 1528 in *Roy Red me.* etc. (Arb.) 152 Austyne sayeth vpon the psalter, ye clargy occupeth the secular lordshyppe secularly. 1574 R. BRISTOW *Treatise* 47 Vpon these two, Christ... and his Church, roneth all the Scriptures. 1581 FULKE in *Confer.* III. (1583) Qijb, I will not vouchsafe to replie vpon this answer. 1605 CAMDEN *Rem.* 143 But he repaied him with this re-alusion vpon the name. 1710 STEELE *Tatler* No. 14 ¶ 1 My Design of observing upon Things. 1748 RICHARDSON *Clarissa* (1811) I. 185, I... am the less solicitous... to amplify upon the contents of either.

(c) 1481 in *Blades W.* Caxton (1882) 231 The polytyque book... whiche that Tullius wrote vpon the disputacon [etc.]. c.1600 W. FOWLER *Wks.* (S.T.S.) 9 A Fenerall Sonet, written vpon the death of... Elizabeth Dowgill. 1709 ADDISON *Tatler* No. 163 ¶ 2 The Sonnet... was written upon a Lady. 1776 JOHNSON in *Boswell* (1904) I. 647 A man who has never been engaged in trade himself may undoubtedly write well upon trade. 1791 'G. GAMBADO' *Ann. Horsem.* (1809) 55 Had they spent as much time in riding upon turnips, as they have in writing upon them.

III. In other senses.

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†23. From (a person or persons), esp. by means of hostile attack; = ON *prep.* 23. Obs. (Cf. 21.)

Const. with verbs, as *make*, *nim*, *recover*, *take*, *win*; also CONQUER v. 2b, GAIN v. 4.

1338 R. BRUNNE *Chron.* (1810) 22 Upon Saynt Edmund Northfolk he nam. 1387 TRIVISA *Hiden* (Rolls) VI. 291 Egbertus... took Chestre upon pe Britouns. 1412-20 LYDG. *Chron.* Troy III. 3423 Troysen han wonne a-geyn her londe vpon Grekis. 1483 in *Acta Dom. Conc.* II. Intro. 114 Quikil some was recoverit be... Dure apone the said Schir John. a.1533 LD. BERNERS *Huon* 527 A ryche shyp, the whiche was wonne vpon the sowdains men. 1568 CRAFTON *Chron.* II. 194 They wanne dayly and yerely vpon the sayd Turkes, so that they had... much of the landes. 1643 PAYNE *Doom* *Cowardice & Treach.* 6 At last by such forcible assaults the said Towne was taken upon the said Robert. 1654 BRAMHALL *Just Vind.* i. (1661) 2 Whatsoever the Popes of Rome gained upon us. 1660 *Nicholas Papers* (Camden) IV. 187 The prizes made by the Ostenders upon the Kings subjects. 1742 LEONI *Palladio's Archit.* II. 66 The Spoils made upon Pyrrhus King of Epirus.

†24. In respect of; = ON *prep.* 24. Obs.

a.1310 in *Wright Lyric P.* v. 26 He is blome apone bleo brihtest under bis. 13... *Cursor M.* 2034 (Gött.). He lis here vte, cum se pu sal. Naked upon his limes all.

25. On (a musical instrument).

c.1384 CHAUCER *H. Fame* III. 110 Ther herd I pleyen vpon an harpe... Orpheus ful craftely. 1524 *Reg. Privy Seal Scot.* I. 499/1 Playing apoun organ in the Kingis chapell. 1552 in *Feuillart Revels* *Edw. VI* (1914) 89, I have provided one to plaie vpon a kettell drum. 1621 BRATHWAIT *Nat. Embassie* Ded., Able to play vpon an oaten pipe. 1683 KENNETT *Tr. Eras.* on *Folly* 68 No more skill... than a Pig playing upon the Organs. 1709 MRS. MANLEY *Secret Mem.* I. 149 A great many of 'em... can toot, toot, toot, it upon a Pipe. 1800-6 SYD. SMITH *Mor. Philos.* (1850) 175 Any air... performed upon such an instrument as the bagpipe. 1842 TENNYSON *Locksley Hall* 2 When you want me, sound upon the bugle-horn. 1876 GRANT *Burgh Sch. Scot.* II. 380 Discouraging lamentations upon the Bagpipes.

26. Denoting advance from or improvement on some standard, etc.

See also IMPROVE v. 8, IMPROVEMENT 6b, REFINE v. 10. 1662 EVELYN *Chalcogr.* 50 Which afterwards Sebastian Serli refining upon composed the better part of that excellent book of his. 1711 ADDISON *Spect.* No. 44 ¶ 6 The French have therefore refin'd too much upon Horace's Rule. 1782 PRIESTLEY *Corrupt. Chr.* I. III. 301 An improvement was made upon this doctrine. 1843 *Blackw. Mag.* LIV. 197 Mr. Collins has improved greatly upon his last year's exhibition. 1859 GLADSTONE *Glean.* (1879) II. 171 If he continues to advance upon himself as he has advanced heretofore.

†u'pon, *adv.* Obs. (exc. *arch.* in sense 1b). [Elipsis: use of *prec.*]

1. a. On it; on or upon the surface.

1307 *York Memo. Bk.* (Surtees) I. 181 Lether with the here apone. 1382 WYCLIF *Ecluz.* xxxiii. 6 An hors courser... vnder eche man vpon sittende neyeth. 1547 in *Feuillart Revels* *Edw. VI* (1914) 13 Changeable Taffita stridy vpon with blewle gode dornix. 1567 in *Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* (1907) IV. 90 A clothe of blacke and redd wroughte with goulde vpon. 1596 SHAKS. *Merch. V.* II. vii. 57 A coyne that beares the figure of an Angell Stamp in gold, but that's insculpt vpon.

b. On one's person, as an article of apparel. Phr. *clothed upon*, after biblical use (see quot. 1611.) Cf. CLOTHE v. 9.

a.1366 CHAUCER *Rom. Rose* 364 A chapelet, so semly oon, Ne werede never mayde vpon. c.1386 — *Friar's T.* 84 He [sc. a gay yeoman] hadde vp-on a courtsey of grene. 1390 GOWER *Conf.* II. 246 And sche... hir scherte dede upon And caste on hire a mantel cole. 1446 LYDG. *Two Nightingale P.* ii. 123 When Crist Ihesu was for mankynd dede And had vpon a garment ful newe. 1513 BRADSHAW *St. Werburge* i. 1301 His gloues, his gyrdell, the kynge had vpon. 1611 BIBLE 2 Cor. v. 2 Desiring to be clothed vpon with our house, which is from heuene. 1661 *Cant. Exp.* fol. 185 Those bodies of Saints... shall be clothed vpon with a house which is from Heuene. 1895 L. JOHNSON *Poems* 34 Old ramparts, gray and stern; But comely clothed upon With wealth of moss and fern. 1930 *Month Mar.* 230 Ancient stones, like Ezekiel's dry bones, need to be clothed upon.

2. a. Into or to a position on a surface or object; so as to be put or placed on the thing in question.

1382 WYCLIF *Num.* xvii. 2 Of echon the name thou shalt vpon write [L. *super*scribere] to thy serde. c.1400 *Langrunc's Cirurgie* 219 Make it abrood upon a cloop & leie it vpon root. c.1440 *Pallad.* on *Husb.* vii. 106 Do doge vpon vpon and vmbre on euery side. 1534 TINDALE *Luke* x. 18 But on whosoever it faul vpon, it wyll grynde him to powder.

b. In a direction towards something indicated or specified.

c.1400 *Apol. Loll.* 2 ber for, if we wil, we mai calle bischoppis, locas on on. 1593-1611 [see LOOK v. 46].

3. On or upon that (in time or order); thereafter, thereupon. Esp. coupled with *anon*, *near*, *soon*.

See also HEREUPON, THEREUPON, WHEREUPON *adv.* 14... *Lydgate's Bochas* v. 2898 Affir whos deth anon vpon [M.S. *Harl.* 1245 vpon anon] sayng. To Euergetes... She was ageyn inuoyed in marriage. c.1440 *Generydes* 1926 Thanne came the prince of Cesare some vpon. *Ibid.* 6632 Kyng auerius fell aske anon vpon. 1523 FITZHERB. *Husb.* §12 So that they be sowen ere the begynnyng of Marche, or some vpon. 1604 SHAKS. *Ham.* I. ii. 179 *Ham.* I thinke it was to see my Mother wedding. *Hor.* Indeed my Lord, it followed hard vpon. 1608 — *Mear.* for *M. vi.* 14 The... Citizens Hauē hent the gates, and very neare vpon The Duke is entring. 1606 — *Tr. & Cr.* iv. iii. 3 It is great morning, and the house retir'd... Comes fast vpon.

4. By way of addition, increase, etc. a.1485 FORTESCUE *Wks.* (1869) 487 Why will God put vpon newe turments ovir the travails of ther labour?

## UPPER

†upon, obs. var. OPEN a. (Cf. UPEN a.)

13... E.E. *Allit. P.* B. 453 benne wafte he vpon his wyndowe. 14... *Sir Beues* (E.) 87/1691 Anon pe gate he vpon look.

†upland, *adv.* Obs. Also 3-4 vp o londe, 5 Sc. upolande; 5-6 vp of land, and UPALAND. [f. *uppe* UP *adv.* + ON *prep.* 1 b (O *prep.* 1) + LAND sb. 1 Cf. UPALAND *adv.* 1] In the country, as opposed to the town.

a. a.990 in Thorpe *Ang. Laws* (1840) i. 118 Be ciepe-monna fore uppe on londe. c.1386 CHAUCER *Prolog.* 702 A poure person dwellynge vp on lond. 1430-40 LYDG. *Bochas* Prolog. 84 Folks that duellyn vp on londe. c.1480 HENRYSON *Two Mice* i. The vther [mouse] wynnit vponland. *Sheep & Dog* xviii. Ane schiere stout, Quhilk... dytis all the pure men vpon land [1568 Bann. MS. vp of land]. β. c.1300 *Havelok* 763 Gode paniers... to beren fish inne, Vp o-londe to selle and fonge. 14... *Burgh Laws Scotland* xxxix. It is for to wytt that men upolande may borrow thair pundis thryis.

γ. c.1440 *Alph. Tales* 173 On a tyme he was ludig on a night in a howse vp of land. 1568 [see c. above].

b. *John Upoland*, a rustic. (Cf. UPALAND b.) a.1568 in *Bannatyne MS.* (Hunt. Club) 269/26 This said Johnne vponland.

†uplandis, obs. Sc. var. UPLANDS a.

c.1480 HENRYSON *Fables* heading (Harl. MS.). The Tail of the vponlandis Mous and the burges Mous.

†uponon(e, *adv.* Obs. rare. Also uponan. [f. UPON *prep.* + ONE *pron.* 32 f.] = ANON *adv.* 4. c.1400 *Destr.* Troy 2418, I onswaret hym esely euyv vponon. *Ibid.* 6712 Folidamas... can fight, with his Enneis full egurly, euer vpon-on.

†up-patient. [UP a.; cf. UP *adv.* 7 a.] An in-patient in hospital no longer confined to bed.

1952 R. GORDON *Doctor in House* xi. 119 Two up-patients, dressing-gowned old gentlemen. 1959 *Manch. Guardian* 19 Aug. 5/6 Topham is an up-patient... We started him with a couple of hours up each morning. 1976 J. GRENELL *Joyce Grenfell requests Pleasure* (1977) xi. 163 Up-patients sat on the grass on grey army blankets.

†uppe, v. Obs. Forms: 1 yppan, 2 ippen, 3 uppen. [OE. *yppan* (also *zeyppan*), f. *upp* UP *adv.* 1, giving southern ME. *uppen*, midland *ippen*. Cf. ON. *yppa* (MDa. *yppa*), and OHG. *uffan* (MHG. *iffen*, *iffen*, obs. G. *aufen*.)] *trans.* To display or make manifest; to bring to notice; to make known.

c.897 K. *Ælfred Gregory's Past.* C. lix. 451 Dæt we hit... forþy yppen 8æt mon God herige. c.900 *tr. Baeda's Hist.* iv. xxv. (1890) 352 Se Godes mon... þa unrotnesse his heortan... ypte & cyðde. a.1000 *Collog. Ælfric* in *Wf.*—Wülker 102 Ic ne deor yppan pe digla ure. c.1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 165 Here wombe is here crist, and all uele forbisne his ippen of hem seluen. a.1225 *Ancre R.* 146 Hercene nu... hu hit is to uppen & jelpen of god dede. *Ibid.*, Ancere pet was iuined... wel uorte wurchen, & seobben... uppede hit & scheawede.

uppen: see UP *prep.* 1

†uppen, v. E. Angl. ? Obs. [f. UP *adv.* 1 + -EN<sup>s</sup>. Cf. UPPE v. 1] *trans.* To bring up, mention, disclose.

1565 GOLDING *Ovid's Met.* III. 344 When that after mickle talke... Joves name was upped. 1567 *Ibid.* xii. 179 Every wyght Delyghts too uppen oftentimes... The perills and the narrow brunts. 1583 — *Calvin* on *Deut.* xxi. 152/2 It would not haue bootet at all to haue vppened neuer so many thinges by parcellmeale. 1823 E. MOOR *Suffolk Words* 460 Yewo didnt uppen it did yd?

up-pent, *pa. pple.* (UP -5.)

1600 FAIRFAX *Tasso* x. xlii. With this sieg, if we be long vp pent, Famine I doubt. 1614 GORGES *Lucon* i. 18 A proud Courser... in the stable close, in up-pent. 1870 A. O'SHAUGHNESSY *Poems, Neglected Harp* 15 These wondrous melodies up-pent And languishing in me.

†upper, sb. 1 [From UPPER a.]

1. a. That part of a boot or shoe above the sole and welt. *Usu. pl.*

1789 G. PARKER *Life's Painter of Variegated Characters* v. 36 If the top and leg of a jack-boot were joined to a dog-skin upper and a buff sole. 1845 J. COULTER *Adv. in Pacific* ix. 112 My shoes were... only held together by passing straps of goat-skin under the soles, over the upper. 1862 *Catal. Internat. Exhib.* Brit. II. No. 4769, Grained leather, machine-closed uppers. 1880 *Times* 21 Sept. 4/4 Forcing the needle through the outer sole, the edge of the upper, and the insole.

attrib. 1875 KNIGHT *Dict. Mech.*, Upper-machines... those for cutting out or preparing the uppers of boots or shoes.

b. U.S. A cloth gaiter for wearing above the shoe over the ankle (*Cent. Dict.* 1891).

c. In fig. phr. (down) on one's uppers: in poor or reduced circumstances; having hard luck; also formerly to walk (etc.) on one's uppers. *collog.* (orig. U.S.).

1886 *Lantern* 8 Sept. 4/3 The Royal Street actors who are walking on their uppers, must mourn... when they... hear of some of the boys spending 200 a week yachting. 1891 *Cent. Dict.* s.v. 1895 ROBERTS & MORTON *Adv. Arthur Roberts* xi. 143, I know two actors who were left, as the term goes, 'on their uppers', in a town in the heart of the Midlands. 1899 'J. FLYNT' *Tramping with Tramps* i. v. 17 'I's been a moocher, an' now I's shatin' on me uppers. 1901 *Munsey's Mag.* XXV. 432/1 The rumor whirled about the Street that Greener was in difficulties. Financial ghoulis... said 'Greener is on his uppers'. 1903 *Judy* 9 Dec. 577/1 'What would you do if you were in my shoes?' 'Eh? Oh, then I

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## WHELP

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## WHEN

met me in the Park, and made me walk with them till nine, like unreasonable whelps. 1741 RICHARDSON *Pamela* (1824) l. 11. When she was beginning to complain of the whelp lord's impertinence. 1768 GOLDSM. *Good-n. Man* ii. 1. Stupid whelp! But I don't wonder: the boy takes entirely after his mother. 1809 SCOTT *Let. 7 Aug. in Lockhart*. It is funny enough to see a whelp of a young Lord Byron abusing me. 1823 'JON BEE' *Dict. Turf* 192 Whelp, a boy with dog's-tricks. 1834 MARRYAT *Peter Simple* iii. Bad company, you whelp! 1866 MISS BRADDON *Lady's Mile* i. The shabby whelp gambling for marbles in the gutter. 1888 *Sat. Rev.* 20 Oct. 458/1 These whelps have been before the magistrates charged on their own confession with murder.

4. *Naut.* One of the longitudinal projections on the barrel of a capstan or the drum of a windlass.

The object designated in the first quot. is uncertain. 1356 in *Pipe Roll* 32 *Edw. III* m. 34/1 Idem computat expensio. in factura .iij. Whelpes. j. grossi Wynche. .c. lb. a 1625 *Nomenclator Navalis* (Harl. MS. 2301). The Whelps are like Brackettes, set to the bodie of the Capstaine close vnder the Barrs, downe to the Decke, and are theie which giue the Sweep to the Capstaine. These are made soe in partes that the Cabell maie not be so apt to surge, as it would if it did run vpon a whole round bodie. 1627 CAPT. J. SMITH *Sea Gram*. ii. 8 The Whelps are short peeces of wood made fast to it, to keepe the Cable from coming too high in the turning about. 1760 FALCONER *Dict. Marine* (1776) s.v. *Capstern*. 1847 *Key Recor. H.M.S. Gorgon* 19 The space between which had been filled up with wood, like the whelps of a capstan.

b. One of the teeth of a sprocket-wheel (Knight *Dict. Mech.* 1875).

†5. *Naut.* One of a fleet of auxiliary war vessels established in Charles I's reign, app. orig. so called because designed to attend upon H.M.S. Lion. Obs.

1628-9 *Cal. St. Papers, Dom.* (1850) 455 [When she [sc. a small man-of-war] heard] our Whelps bark so loud and saucy, and saw them put up the King's colours, [she endeavoured to escape]. 1631 SIR J. PENNINGTON *Jrnl. in 10th Rep. Hist. MSS. Comm.* app. iv. 276 Our whole fleet being 4 saile in all, viz: the Convertive, Admirall, the Assurance, Vize Admirall, the Tenth Whelp, and the Second Whelp. 1634 BRERETON *Trav.* (Chetham Soc.) 158 Here we saw the 9th Whelp lying at anchor, to guard the fleet which now is ready to go hence to Bristol fair. 1641 PRYNNE *Disc. Prel. Tyr.* ii. 135 Being imbarqued . . . in one of the Kinges Whelpes. . . he landed at Dover. 1660 BURNIE *Kipbarov dwpov* 53 When he visits the Navy, and even boards the Whelps and Frigots. 1894 C. N. ROBINSON *Brit. Fleet* 227 A class of smaller craft, each of 185 tons, was decided on. They were called 'whelps', and were vessels built for sweeps as well as sails.

6. *Comb.*, as *whelp-robbed* adj. 1627 MAY *Lucan* v. H8b, Swifter then whelp-robbed Tyger.

Hence 'whelphood, the condition of being a whelp; 'whelpish a., of, resembling, or characteristic of a whelp; 'whelpless a., having no whelps, deprived of whelps; †'whelplich [-LY'] adv., like a whelp; 'whelping, a young whelp; also contemptuously of a person.

1847 E. BONTÉ *Wuthering Heights* l. xiii. 325 [it [sc. a dog] had spent its 'whelphood in the Grange. 1886 SWINBURNE *Misc.* 211 A rapid and effeminate rhymester in the sickly stage of whelphood. 1886 WHITNEY *Choice Emblems* 49 Though 'whelpish date, his nature did disguise Yet time at length vnto my cuell lucke Bewray'de his harte. 1687 MIEGE *Gr. Fr. Dict.*. Whelpish, *mechant, mauvais*. 1711 G. CARY *Phys. Phylactic* 334 You mightily hugged this whelpish Thought. 1883 J. CHRISTIE in *Mod. Scott. Poets* Ser. vi. 263 Thou gar'd the rocks and hallows ring Wi' whelpish glee. 1598 YONG *Diana* 9 Angry more then 'whelpless Beare. 1814 BYRON *Lara* vi. xxv. Her eye shot forth with all the living fire That haunts the tigress in her whelpish ire. 1847 TENNYSON *Princess* vi. 83 The old lion, glaring with his whelpish eye. c1400 BERN 481 He . . . scrapid the dorr 'whelplich. a 1618 SYLVESTER *Profit of Imprisonment* Wks. (1621) 625 As, when the Lion fierce . . . Runnes midst a million swords, his 'whelpings to defend. 1782 ELPHINSTON *Martial* xli. cxxii. [i. lxxviii.] 460 On thy lov'd lips, the whelping lambent hound. 1889 FABER *Lives of Fathers* l. v. 222 That whelping [L. *canicula*] Diogenes sought to find a man.

**whelp**, sb.<sup>2</sup> Erron. for **WELT** sb.<sup>1</sup> 1012 *Dialect Notes* III. 593 She whipped the horse till she raised great whelps on him. 1952 *Publ. Amer. Dial. Soc.* xvii. 34 Time was in the upcountry when the teacher would, with a hickory, raise whelps on the legs of a recalcitrant pupil. 1962 W. FAULKNER *Reivers* vii. 181 How the hell did Sugar Boy ever let him get this far without at least one whelp on him? 1980 *Verbatim* Autumn 17/2 A quite common mispronunciation is 'whelp' for 'welt': 'He has some big whelps on his arm.'

**whelp** (hwelp), v. [f. **WHELP** sb.<sup>1</sup>]

1. *trans.* To bring forth (a whelp or whelps). c1200 ORMSBY 6029 *bac deor patt* wass i leoness like, *batt riseþ* o þe bridda dæg. After þatt it iss whelppedd. a 1225 *Anct. R.* 200 Monie mo hwelpes þen ich habbe inmeppend haueþ þe Liun of Prude ihwelped. 1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P.R.* xviii. i. (Bodl. MS.) If. 241 b/2 þe female wolfe whelpþ manye whelpes as þe biþche dore. 1493 *Festivall* (W. de W.) 1515 145 When a lyon hath yonge whelpes they shall live as deed three dayes after y<sup>e</sup> they ben whelped. 1577 GOOGE *Hereshach's Hush* iii. 155 b. As soone as they be Whelped, clares such as you mislike. 1677 N. COX *Gentl. Recr.* i. (ed. 2) 135 [Bears] are whelped most commonly in March, sometimes two, and not above five in number. 1731 *Gentl. Mag.* Aug. 352/2 A Litter of young Lions was whelped at the Tower, from a Lioness and Lion whelp'd there 6 years before. 1775 *Phil. Trans.* LXVI. 103 They all come on shore in December, to whelp their young. 1861 HUGHES *Tom Brown at Oxf.* iii. Jack's the dog as can draw a brock. . . agin me I amppin dore as wiss we whelped. 1889 *Brit. Encyclop.* i.

Feb. 71/2 His bitch Dainty . . . has just whelped a . . . fine litter to Mrs. Dainty's Dictator.

b. *transf.* and *fig.* To bring forth: often with contemptuous implication.

1581 J. BELL *Haddon's Answ. Osor.* 82 b. Two detestable lyes whelped at one lytter (so pregnant is this worme). 1599 B. JONSON *Cynthia's Rev.* ii. iv. Vnlesse shee had whelped it herselfe, shee could not haue lod'd a thing better. a 1641 *Br. Mountag. Acts & Mon.* (1642) 422 Antigonus, Boethus, Sadoe, and such mungrels, were scarce whelped in Epiphanius his dayes. 1675 HOBBS *Odys.* viii. 472 Sing now of the Horse of Wood, Which in Troy-Town destruction to it whelped. 1781 COWPER *Table-T.* 536 Having whelped a prologue with great pains. 1821 SCOTT *Kenilw.* xix. Out, you diminutive pint-pot, whelped of an overgrown reckoning! 1902 WISTER *Virginian* xv. None of 'em was whelped savage enough to sing himself bloodthirsty.

2. *intr.* To bring forth whelps.

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P.R.* xviii. lxxiv. (Bodl. MS.), þat wesels conceyue ayt moupe and whelpþ ayt ere. a 1400 OCTAVIAN 470 The tygre aytþy this batayle. Whelpede sone for hyt trauayle. 1605 B. JONSON *Volpone* ii. i. Your Lyons whelping in the Tower. 1660 BOYLE *New Exp. Phys. Mech.* Digress. 368 A Bitch that was said to be almost ready to whelp. 1798 W. TAYLOR in *Monthly Mag.* v. 208 On Paris' tomb The flocks insulting frisk, And whelps the lioness in Priam's hall. 1887 SWINBURNE *Loerine* iv. ii. 98 No she-wolf whelps upon the wild Whose brood is like thy mother's. fig. 1821 SHALLEY *Hellas* 871 The foliage in which Fame, the eagle, built Her aerie, while Dominion whelped below.

Hence whelped ppl. a., whelping vbl. sb. (also in *whelping ice* (see *quots.*)).

1398 TREVISA *Barth. De P.R.* xviii. lxxvi. (Bodl. MS.). In biþches melk is founde many daies before þe whelpinge. 1625 K. LONG in *Barclay's Argens* ii. xiii. 105 She was then lately in whelping. 1804 W. TAYLOR in *Roberts's Mem.* (1843) i. 49 Licking the whelped bears into courtliness at one's leisure. c1900 J. P. HOWLEY in *Regional Lang. Stud.*—*Newfoundland* (1978) viii. 23 Whelping ice. The part of an ice field where they [sc. seals] bring forth their young. 1907 R. LEIGHTON *New Bk. Dog* 578 Breeding and Whelping. 1919 W. T. GREENFELL *Labrador Doctor* (1920) ix. 174 The smoother, whiter variety known as 'whelping ice'—that is, the Arctic shore ice. . . on which the seals give birth to their pups. 1969 H. HORWOOD *Newfoundland* xii. 83 The drift ice where they [sc. seals] give birth to their young is the whelping ice.

**whels**, obs. form of **WHILES**.

**whelve** (hwelv), v. Obs. exc. *dial.* Forms: 1 *hwylfan*, 3 *hwelfen*, 5- *whelve*, (9) *whelve*. [Late OE. *hwylfan* = \**hwelfan*, Anglian \**hwelfan* (also in compounds *ā-*, *be-*, *ofhwylfan*) = OS. *bihwelfian* to cover over, (M)Du., (M)LG. *welwen*, OHG., MHG. *welben*, *welwen* (G. *wölben*) to vault, arch, ON. *hwelfa* to arch, turn upside down:—O Teut. \**xwalbjan*, causative vb. f. *xwalb-* (= *xwelb-*, *xulb-*), whence OE. *hwealfe* sb., arch, vault, adj. vaulted, OHG. *walbe* (MHG. *walbe*), curved object, gutter-tile, roof-gutter, *walbi* 'volubilitas', *walbēn* to roll, ON. *hwalf* vault, concavity, *hwalfa*, *holf* to capsize (see *WHAUCE*); further related to Goth. *hwiltfri* coffin, Gr. *κόλπος* bosom: the radical notion being 'rounded, arched'.]

1. *trans.* To turn (a vessel, etc.) upside down so as to cover something; *gen.* to turn or roll over, overturn; to upheave. to *whelve over*, to overwhelm: = *OVERWHELVE*.

c1000 in *Teichmer's Zeitschr.* (1885) II. 125 Donne þu hlid habban wylle, þonne hafa þu þine wynstran hand samloene and ec swa þa swyfran and hwylf by syppan offer þa wynstran cal swylce þu cuppan hilde. [c1000 *Regius-Psalter* etc. (Roeder) 276 Cncoris min alæd & ofhwylfed [Vuig *conuoluta*] is fram me.] c1275 *Passion our Lord* 513 in O.E. *Misc.* 51 He hwelfde at þære seculchre-dure enne grete ston. [c1374 CHAUCER *Boeth.* II. met. iii. (1868) 39 he horrible wynde aquilon mouepþ boylyng tempestes and ouer whelpþ þe see.] c1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* i. 161 For harm & stry of that vpon thy selue May rise, vns & perchaunce ouer thee whelue [i.e. the overhelue]. 1854 *Trans. Philol. Soc.* 84 (Surrey) I'll whelue a pot over 'em, to keef off the sun. 1854 N. & Q. 1st Ser. X. 479 (Cornwall) *Whelue* or *Whilue*, to turn upside down any hollow vessel.

†2. To cover over with anything; to hide, bury.

c1440 *Pallad. on Husb.* iv. 393 Ek whelue a seriol ther-out that haue Grauel vp to the myddes. 1566 W. P. tr. *Curio's Pasquine in Traunce* To Rdr. The candell whelped vnder the Bussshell will burne a hole through. 1706 PHILLIPS (ed. Kersey). To *Whelm* or *Whelue*, to cover.

**wheme**, var. **QUEME** sb. and v. Obs.

**whemen**, obs. f. *women*, pl. of *WOMAN*.

**whemmel** ('hwem(ə)ll), sb. Sc. and *dial.* Forms: see next. [f. next.] An overturn, upset, overthrow; a state of confusion.

1818 SCOTT *Rob Roy* xxii. Nae doubt, nay doubt—ay, ay—it's an awfu' whummle—and for ane that held his head sae high too. 1822 GALT *Sir A. Wyllie* civ. The chaise made a clean whummle, and the Laird was lowmost. 1830 — *Laurie R.* iii. v. Many a joint-dislocating jolt, and almost headlong whummie. 1887 Jamieson's *Sc. Diet. Suppl.* *Whummie*, a rock, toss; a rocking, tossing. 1895 CROCKETT *Men of Moss-Hags* xlviii. His horse also fell from rock to rock, and among a great whummel of stones, reached the bottom of the defile.

**whemmel** ('hwem(ə)ll), v. Sc. and *dial.* Forms: 6, 9 *quhemle*, *quhomle*, 7-9 *whemmel*, 8-9 *whomel* *whemhle* n *w/h* *whemmle* *whammle*

wham(b)le, whommle, whum(m)el, etc. (see *Eng. Dial. Dict.*). [Metathetic form of **WHELM** v.]

1. *trans.* To turn upside down; to overturn, capsize; to drink off (liquor) to the bottom; also *transf.* and *fig.* to upset, throw into confusion. 1536 BELLINGHOLM *Chron. Prohemie* ii. (1541) Fiv. And schyll Triton with his wyndy horn Our quhemlit all the flowand ocean. 1684 [MERITON] *Yorkish Dial.* 47. I whemmled Dubler ow'r'th Meat, To keep it seaf and warm for you to Eat. 1715 RAMSAY *Christ's Kirk* Gr. ii. xix. On whomel tubs lay twa lang dails. 1721 — *Prospect of Plenty* 196 Healthfou hearts shall own their honest flame, With reaming quaff, and whomel to her name. 1816 SCOTT *Antiq.* xi. I think I see the coble whommled keel up. *Ibid.* xli. He took the curbstone, and he's whomled her as I wad whome a toom bicker. c1850 *Denham Tracts* (1895) II. 31 Put into a wheelbarrow and whemmled over upon the muck-midden. 1883 *Trans. Amer. Philol. Soc.* 55 *Whommle*, 'to turn a trough, or any vessel, bottom upwards, so that it will drain well'; used in West Virginia.

b. To cover (something) by turning a vessel, etc. upside down over it.

1790 GROSE *Prov. Gloss.* (ed. 2), *Whemle*, to cover with a bowl. 1824 MACTAGGART *Gallovid. Encycl.* s.v. *Whommled*, To be whommled beneath a bushel. 1855 [J. D. BURN] *Autobiog. Beggar Boy* (1859) 57. I was, like the turkey, whomalled under a tub.

2. To submerge in or as in a flood; to drown.

1567 *Sair. Poems Reform.* iv. 51 Quhomlit in sorow and plungeit in cair. 1824 MACTAGGART *Gallovid. Encycl.* s.v. *Whommled*, 'To be whommled by a wave', to be whelmed in the deep.

3. *intr.* To tumble over, capsize; also, to move unsteadily, stumble about.

1895 CROCKETT *Men of Moss-Hags* xxiii. The deil whummelt on his hearthstane! 1897 — *Lads' Love* iii. When . . . your hoggs [are] 'whammellin' in the black hags by the score.

**when** (hwen), adv. (conj., sb.) Forms: a. 1-3 *hwoonne*, (1) *huonne*, 3 *wonne*, 3-4 *whonne*, 6 *Sc. quhone*. B. 1-3 *hwanne*, 3 *wæne*, *quanne*, (*quanne*, 3 *wanne*, 3 *wane*), 3-4 *wane*, 3-5 *whanne*, *wanne*, *quane*, 4 *huanne*, 6 *whane*, *Sc. quhane*. y. 1 *hwenne*, *hwænne*, (*hoenne*), 2-3 *wenne*, 3 *hwenne*, *weonne*, 3-5 *whenne*, 4 *quenne*, *quenne*, *quene*, *Sc. qwene*, *qwene*, 4-6 *Sc. quhene*, 5 *wene*. 8. 3-4 *hwon*, *won*, (4 *wjon*), 4-5 *whon*, 5 *qwon*. e. 3-4 *hwan*, (3 *quaan*, *quæn*), 3-5 *wan*, *quan*, 3-6 *whan*, (4 *van*, 5 *whann*), 5-6 *Sc. quhan*. 3. 3 *hwen*, 3-5 *wen*, 4-5 *quen*, (4 *qwehen*, 5 *qwen*, *qwhen*), 4-8 *Sc. quhen*, 4- *when*. [OE. *hwanne*, *hwonne*, *hwenne*, (Nth. *hwænne*), late WS. *hwæne*, corresp. to OFris. *wanne*, (h) *wenne* until, if (Fris. *wan* when, if), OS. *hwan* when, *hwanna* at some time, when, (MLG. *wan*, *wen*, *wanne*, *wenne*, MDu. *wan*, *wen*, surviving in Du. *wanneer* when = OS. *hwan* *ēr* as soon as), OHG. *wanne*, *wenni*, -e (MHG. *wanne*, *wenne*, G. *wann* when, *wenn* if), Goth. *hwan* when, how: a derivative of the interrog. stem *xwa-* WHO, WHAT, as *then* is of the demonstrative *þa-*; cf. Avestic *kəm* how, L. *quom*, *cum* when, OPruss. *kan* if, OIr. *can*, W. *pan*.

The formations present points of difficulty; the following related forms have a dental suffix: OFris. *hwande*, *hwante*, *wande*, *want*, *hwende*, *hwente* (Fris. *want*) for, because, as, OS. *hwanda*, *hwand* when, for, because (MLG. *wande*), OHG. (h) *wanta* why, L. *quando* when (cf. Skr. *kadā* when, Lith. *kada* where, etc.).]

1. Interrogative uses.

1. a. In a direct question: At what time? on what occasion? Sometimes passing into the sense: In what case or circumstances? (cf. 8). Also with ellipsis of the remainder of the question (see also b).

c1000 *Agg. Gosp. Matt.* xxv. 37 *Hwænne* gesawe we 6e hingrigende, & we 6e feddon? c1000 *Agg. Ps.* (Th.) xlii. 5 *Hwonne* ær he beo deað, oþþe hwænne his nama aspringe? c1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 65 *Wenne* scal þos bode us god don? 1382 WYCLIF *Ps.* xlii. 3. 3 When I shal comen, and aspre before the face of God? c1412 HOCLEVE *De Reg. Princ.* 864 *Whan* schol ye pre to vs be reconciled? 1540 PALSGR. *Acolastus* iv. v. Vj b. Thou shalt haue gold toide out to the La. *Whan*, at the Grekish calends? 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* ii. ii. 13 *When* spake I such a word? 1681 DRYDEN *Acts & Achit.* i. 387 *When* should People strider their Bonds to break, If not when Kings are Negligent or Weak? 1742 YOUNG *Mr. Theat.* i. 537 *When* shall I die?—*when* shall I live for ever? 1841 *Punch* 24 July 21/2 *When* is a horse like a herring?—*When* he's hard rode. 1865 DICKENS *Mod. Fr.* ii. xiv. *When* shall I come to see you, Mr. Boffin? 1867 TENNYSON *Holy Grail* 255 *Who* shall blazon it? *when* and how?

†b. *ellipt.* as an exclamation of impatience.

1592 KYD *Sp. Trag.* iii. i. 47 No more, I say: to the tortures, when! 1596 SHAKS. *Tom. Shr.* iv. i. 147 Off with my boots, you rogues: you villaines, when? 1623 MIDDLETON *More Drummers* v. i. (1657) 66 *Why* when? begin Sir: I must stay your leisure.

2. In a dependent question or clause of similar meaning: At what time; on what occasion; in what case or circumstances. Also *ellipt.*

*say when*, colloq. formula used by a person pouring out drink for another, to ask him to say when he shall stop; also *ellipt.*, as a reply to this formula.

c1000 *Agg. Gosp. Matt.* ii. 7 *Herodes* . . . befran hi georne,



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Nou rek i neuer quen i dei. c.1375 in Horstmann *Altengl. Leg.* (1878) 124/1 Alle se haue herd told & rad How & whanne god pis world mad. 1535 COVERDALE *Lev.* xiv. 57 That it may be knowne, when any thinge is vncleane or cleane. 1676 N. FRENCH *Vnkhinde Deserter* i. 22 To know when to speake, and when to be silent. 1710 SWIFT *Jrnl.* to Stella 7 Oct., I wonder when this letter will be finished. 1854 R. S. SURTEES *Handley Cr.* i. (1901) l. 11 He knew when to lay hold of his hounds, and when to let them alone. 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* iv. iii, Say when you've put it safe back, Mr. Venus.

a.1225 *Amer. R.* 144 Deas bet we beos siker of & unsiker hwoonne. c.1400 *Pal. Rel. & L. Poems* (1903) 263 Dye we sulin sikerliche; bot god wot wanne & were. 1545 ASCHAM *Taxoph.* ii. (Arb.) 125 Whych matter was onse excellentlye disputed vpon, in the Scooles, you knowe when. 1590 SHAKS. *Com. Err.* iii. l. 39 He tell you when, and you'll tell me wherefore. 1667 MILTON *P.L.* x. 409, I am to bruise his heel; His Seed, when is not set, shall bruise my head. 1779 H. WALPOLE *Let. to Selwyn* 5 July, Can you tell me if the Duchess of Leinster still goes to Aubigny; and, if she does, when? 1828 HAZLITT *Self Love & Benev.* Sk. & Ess. (1872) 104 What might be the consequence to myself the Lord knows when? 1883 STEVENSON *Treas. Isl.* xi. Well, now, if you want to know, I'll tell you when. The last moment I can manage; and that's when. 1888 J. S. WINTER *Boote's Child.* ii, I haven't seen such food I don't know when. 1889 *Mod. Society* 6 June (Farmer's *Slang*) 'Say when,' said Bonko, taking up a flagon of whiskey and commencing to pour out the spirit into my glass. 1911 Maclean's *Mag.* Oct. 29/12 'Say when?' I held the glass with a shaking hand: 'When,' 1931 A. POWELL *Afternoon Men* i. 13 'Say when, sir,' said the waiter. 'When,' said Pringle. 1948 E. WAUGH *Loved One* 3 'When,' he added aside to the young man, who helped him to whisky. 'Right up with soda, please.'

3. After a prep. (esp. *since, till*), in a direct or a dependent question: = What time?

Cf. F. depuis quand, G. seit wann.  
a.1300 *Cursor M.* 5670 *Quen* was pou vr dempster? 1583 MELBANCKE *Philotimus Niv.* If any circumstance of, when, or whome, may make a probable Argument. 1828 SCOTT *F.M. Perth* xiv, Since when is it, good Father, that the principal libertine has altered his morals so much? 1861 H. KINGSLEY *Ravenshoe* xii, 'Since when have you missed her?' 'Since yesterday afternoon.'

II. Relative and conjunctive uses.

Formerly (now *arch.*) also followed by that (THAT conj. 6).

4. As compound relative (cf. WHAT C.\*), or as correlative to *then* (implied and sometimes expressed): At the (or a) time at which; on the (or an) occasion on which.

Also *ellipt.* with only the predicate expressed, e.g. *when a boy* = when he (l. etc.) was a boy; *when cold* = when it is cold.

a. In reference to a definite actual occurrence or fact, chiefly with verb in past tense: At the time that, on the occasion that; sometimes with verb in present tense = now that (sometimes with mixture of sense 9 a).

a.1000 *Guthlac* 209 Hwonne hy mid mengu maran cwoine, pa be for his life lyf sorgedon. c.1250 *Gen. & Ex.* 376 Sece hundred yre noe was hold Quan he dede him in 6c archewold. a.1300 *Cursor M.* 8058 *Quan* par sco to pe cite com Sco com in at pat ilk yatte, par bis tre lai in hir gart. c.1350 *Will. Palerne* 2484 *Wan* bei pider come, bei founde al awei fare. c.1400 *Destr. Troy* 1689 *When* this Cite was set. Then meuyt to his mynde [etc.]. c.1420 *Sir Amadace* xxix, *Qwen* he was gone on this kin wise, Tenne ichme mon sayd thayre deuse. 1470-85 MALORY *Arthur* x. lxx. 536 Whanne he saw her make suche chere he ferd lyke a lyon that there myghte no man withstande him. 1533 BELLENDEN *Livy* v. xxiv. (S.T.S.) II. 230 We suld noch leif oure ciete now quen It has so many rounyous housis. 1577 HANMER *Anc. Eccl. Hist.* 239 *When* that he was certified... that the Ethnicks offered sacrifice... in that place... he sharply rebuked Eusebius. 1581 *Satir. Poems Reform.* xliii. 154 *Sone* efter that the Counsell ground goursell, Quhan godly Murray as a regent rang. 1605 SHAKS. *Macb.* ii. ii. 77 Listening their feare, I could not say Amen, When they did say God blesse vs. 1763 J. BROWN *Poetry & Mus.* v. 67 Music had then its greatest Power, when the Melody was most confined in its Compass. 1775 HARRIS *Philos. Arrangem.* Wks. (1841) 339 It was by being attacked when asleep... that the gigantic Polypheme fell a sacrifice to Ulysses. 1779 *Mirror* No. 23. ¶3 He lost his father when an infant. 1848 THACKERAY *Van. Fair* liii, It was ten o'clock when he woke up. 1863 DICKENS *Uncomm. Trav.* xxvi, When I was a child... I used to think that I should like to play at Chinese Enchanter. 1894 BARING-GOULD *Bk. Fairy T.* 70 It is not the time for violets, when the snow lies deep?

(b) With ellipsis of following clause: in the past, in the old days (N. *Amer. colloq.*).

1962 M. RICHLER in *Kenyon Rev.* Winter 88 Six months from now... I'll be saying I knew you when. 1968 H. WAUGH '30' *Manhattan East* (1969) 163 She needn't try those airs with me. I knew her when. 1984 M. HINKMAN *Night they murdered Chelsea* viii. 65 The Hearst newspaper group are even lying in Gloria Beesley to cover the case. She knew Charlotte when.

b. In reference to a future time (whether in the present or the past).

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 97 He seel wann & sorgian, hwoonne se dagz cume. c.1275 LAY. 643 *He*... prettede pan castle, and pat folk wi6 ine, wanne he hit mihte awinne. c.1350 *Leg. Rod* (1871) 21 Vr lord bi-her me pere Wy Oyle of Milce smere me whonne hit tyne were. c.1420 *Acow. Arth.* xxiv, *Quen* thou art armut in the gere, Take this schild and this spere. 1560 *Bible* (Geneva) S. Sam. iii. 12 When I begin, I will also make an end. 1588 SHAKS. *L.L.L.* iv. iii. 145 What will becomne say that she shall here Faith infringed? 1646 in *Row Hist. Kirk* (Wodrow Soc.) p. xxxi, I desyrnt our people to convene quhen the bells sould be rung. 1769 MRS. RAFFAEL *Eng. Housekpr.* (1805) 109 When your head is baffled, rub it over with the yolk of an egg. a.1814 (see THAT conj. 6). 1865 KINGSLEY *Herew.* xxii, Pray Si, Etheldreda to be with us when the day shall come. 1889 TENNYSON *Crossing the Bar* 16, I hope to see my Pilot face to face When

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ii. xx. 303 The Oxford Dictionary of the English Language will have to be revised and enlarged when this war is over. c. Indefinitely or generally: At any time, or at the several times, at which; on any occasion that: most commonly with vb. in pres. tense.

c.1200 *Trin. Coll. Hom.* 147 Wanne he seyen men wanned polien ober on sinne bifallen... per-of he hadden reude. c.1220 *Bestiary* 16 in O.E. *Misc.* i Wanne he is ikindled Stille l66 leun. a.1250 *Owl & Night.* 324 Ich singe an eue a rizte time & soppe won hit is bedtime. 1340 *Ayend.* 27 Huanne he yzisp ober yherp be guod of oþren... panne him comp a zorge to pe herte. 1461 *PASTON Lett.* i. 541 To see that the contre be allways redy to come bothe fote men and hors men, quen they be sent for. 1553 *Republica* 894 Solace we muste nedes have whan that we are weie. 1591-5 SPENSER *Astrophel* 29 There was no pleasure nor delightful play, When Asen God will, all wands bring raine. 1711 *ADDISON Spect.* No. 26 ¶7 When I look upon the tombs of the great, every emotion of envy dies in me. a.1774 *GOLDSM. Elegy Mrs. Mary Blaize* 16 She never slumbered in her pew... But when she shut her eyes. 1827 SCOTT *High. Widow* v, The answers which he received from him, when conversing on religious topics. 1860 DICKENS *Uncomm. Trav.* ii, I am overpowered when I think of you and your hospitable home.

5. Introducing a clause as the object of a verb, or (later) governed by a preposition: = The or a time at which; †a case in which (cf. 8).

This use arises from the dependent interrog. use (sense 2), and the OE. examples are only particular cases of this.

971 *Blickl. Hom.* 227 Hine dæ heardost langode hwanne he of disse worulde moste. a.1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 1433 Hæleð langode... hwoonne hie of nearwe... steappan mosten. c.1375 *Cursor M.* 5939 (Fairf.) Sette us terme & quenne [Cott. term] wen we salle par for pe & pi men. c.1412 *HOCCEVE De Reg. Princ.* 113 Passe ouer whanne pis stormy nyght was gon, And day gan at my wyndowe in to pryve. 1487 *Cely Papers* (Camden) 166 They loke euery owre when the comens of the town schall ryse. 1568 (see LOOK v. 3 c). 1603 SHAKS. *Meas. for M.* ii. ii. 11, I have seene When after execution, Judgement hath Repented ore his doome. 1648 *HERICK Hesper.* 'To the Lark, And know thy when to say, Amen. 1689 *Milward Selden's Table-t.* Ded., In your Fancy carry along with you, the *When* and the *Why* many of these things were spoken. 1838 S. SHARPE *Hist. Egypt under Ptol.* 186 As to the when, the why, or by whom the pyramids were built. 1867 MORRIS *Jason* xvii. 100 Since when I am dead, By none but him the people shall be led. 1868 *Earthly Par.* ProL 202 Expecting when our turn shall come to die. 1884 *Dailys of Soddan Fen* x, I was a grown young man of twenty by when it happened.

6. a. As simple relative (cf. WHAT C.\*): At which time, on which occasion; and then. Sometimes implying suddenness: = and just then, and at that moment.

a.1000 *Cædmon's Gen.* 1265 Siððan hundtwelftig geteled time wintra on worulde wræce bigeddon fæge peoda; hwoonne frea wolde on wærologan wite settan. 1461 *PASTON Lett.* i. 541 Wrytyn the xxiiij. day of Janwar in haste, wan I was not well at hesse. 1562 WINSET *Cert. Tractates* Wks. (S.T.S.) i. 2 Haistelic maid one Pasche twisday... 1562, quhen that apperit and daingorous sedition in Edinburgh. 1592 SHAKS. *Per. & Ad.* 320 His testie maister gooth about to take him, When to the vnbackt breeder full of feare, swiftly doth forsake him. 1634 *FOOD PERKIN Warbeck* ii. E2b, There have been Irish-Hubbubs, when I have made one too. 1711 *BUDGELL Spect.* No. 77 ¶1 We took a turn or two more, when, to my great Surprise, I saw him squirr away his Watch a considerable way into the Thames. 1780 *Mirror* No. 78 ¶3, I had not been above three years at college, when the death of an uncle put me in possession of a very considerable estate. 1820 KEATS *Lamia* ii. 26 There came reposed... When from the slope side of a suburb hill... came a thrill Of trumpets. 1893 *Law Times* XCV. 62/2 An inspector... tested the drain, when he found that the joints of the pipes were not properly cemented. 1894 BARING-GOULD. *Bk. Fairy T.* 48 Scarcely had she touched the spindle when she perceived her hand with it.

b. As quasi-pronoun after a preposition (esp. *since* or *till*): = which time.

13... *Cursor M.* 20180 (B.M. Add. MS.) Haupe he me sette any day Aysen when I me greithe may? 1581 A. HALL *liad* i. 12 But then a suter will I be, til when I wish (my child) You from the batraille do absteine. 1593 SHAKS. 3 *Hen. VI* ii. 89 *Ed.* I was adopted Heire by his consent. *Clz.* Since when, his Oath is broke. 1634 Sir T. HEAVERS *Trav.* 145 Since when it [sc. Persia] was vanquished by Tangrolipix the Turke, an. 1030. 1712 MRS. CENTLIVRE *Perplex'd Lovers* iii. i, Till when, thou Charmer of my Soul, Farewell. 1820 SHELLEY *Prometh. Unb.* iii. ii. 40 Thy steeds will pause at even, till when farewell.

7. With time, day, etc. as antecedent: = at or on which.

The following OE. quot. exemplifies the kind of context out of which this construction might arise:—*Guthlac* 82 Fyrst was on godes dome, hwoonne Guðlacc on his ondgietan engel seald þæt [etc.].

c.1200 ORMIN 133 Att ænne time whanne hiss lott Wass cumenn up to þeoowtenn. a.1300 *Cursor M.* 19716 To wait pe time Quen þat might cum to murther him. 1362 *LANGL. P. Pl. A.* ProL 1 In A somer sesun when softe was pe sonne. 1406 *HOCCEVE La Male Regle* 326 Nat tell I can the time When they to bedde goon, it is so late. c.1440 *Gesta Rom.* xii. 38 (Harl. MS.) A day was set whanne the king shuld come and see hire. 1596 SPENSER *F.Q.* vi. vii. 32 On a day when Cupid kept his court. 1697 *DRYDEN Virg. Georg.* iii. 79 A time will come, when my maturer Muse, In Cæsar's Wars, a Nobler Theme shall chuse. 1788 *COWPER Lett.* to S. Rose 29 Mar., At all times, when it shall suit you to give us your company. 1845 M. PARTISON *Ess.* (1889) l. 9 The ages of faith, the ages when the Church bore sway over every action of life. 1865 *NEWMAN Hist. Relig. Opin.* iv. 201 Charges... which... I fully believed at the time when I made them. 1876 SWINBURNE *Note Engl. Repub.* 16 Time was when England herself might have claimed... this nobles of human rights. 1876 *MEREDITH Beauch. Career* iv, There are times when an

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8. a. With the notion of time modified by or merged in that of mere connexion: In the, or any, case or circumstances in which; sometimes nearly = if. Often *ellipt.* with only the predicate expressed.

The clause with *when* is often equivalent to a phrase with preposition and gerund (*when he sees or saw* = 'on seeing'; *when he says or said* = 'in saying').

c.1175 *Lamb. Hom.* 153 Miltcheortnesse me kuð him soluen, h[w]enne he him bipeng6 þet he isunejed haueð & þet sare bimurneð. c.1220 *Bestiary* 502 in O.E. *Misc.* 16 3ef 6u it so3e wan it flet. 1357 *Folk's Catech.* (T.) 518 That is when we will noht do to god almightyen... That us augh for to do. 1370-80 *Visions St. Paul* 198 in O.E. *Misc.* 228 He opened þe Mouþ of þat put, Hit stonk foule w3on hit was vnschut. c.1400 tr. *Secr. Gov. Lordsh.* 63 3ers and reals dedys shal bettir come to a kynges mynde when enhyed. c.1460 *FORTESCUE Abs. & Lim. Mon.* iv. (1885) 117 When a kynges rulith his reame only to his owne profite... he is a tyrant. 1588 A. KING tr. *Canisius' Catech.* 181 The quhilk thing the scriptur means quhen it sayis [etc.]. 1591 SHAKS. *Two Gent.* v. iv. 44 Oh tis the curse in Loue... When women cannot loue, where they're belou'd. 1643 *TRAPP Comm. Gen.* xxxv. 1 God... takes his opportunity, (for we are best, when at worst). 1724 *De Fox Tour Gt. Brit.* 15 When I have said this, I think I have done Malden Justice. 1781 *COWPER Table-T.* 148 Most confident, when palpably most wrong. 1859 *RUSKIN Two Paths* i. 42 A painter designs when he chooses some things, refuses others, and arranges all. 1890 J. CHAMBERLAIN *Sp. 7 May* in W. S. Lilly *1st Princ. Pol.* 161 note, When great national interests are at stake... the party system breaks down.

b. As simple relative (cf. 6): †(a) with *case* as antecedent: = in which; †(b) in which case; whereupon; and then.

1526 *Pilgr. Perf.* (W. de W. 1531) 2 Except in case when you understande not y<sup>e</sup> rede therin. 1803 *Med. Jnl.* X. 564 It may be opened with a lancet or a needle, when the fluid will run out. 1880 *Encycl. Brit.* XI. 695/1 The ribbon... is sometimes couped or cut short, when it becomes a bâton.

9. With the notion of time passing into that of cause or contrast. a. It being the case that, seeing that, considering that, inasmuch as, since. (Often, and now only, with implication of opposition or contrast, thus approaching b.)

c.1230 *Hali Meid.* 9 *Hwen* þus is of þe riche, hwat wenes tu of the poure? 1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 2215 Wanne þe abbeþ fourme of men. þeþ men an alle wise. a.1330 *Ottel* 1272 *Ottuel*, when it is so, Tak þe bataille a godes name. c.1420 *Sir Amadace* xxviii, *Quat* wundur were hit, thayhe him were wo, *Quen* alle his goddes were spendure him fro. 1591 SHAKS. 1 *Hen. VI.* iv. i. 112 What madnesse rules in braine-sicke men, When for so slight... a cause, Such factious amulations shall arise? a.1637 B. JONSON *Timber Wks.* (1641) 118 And indeed when the attaining of them [sc. all knowledges] is possible, it were a sluggish and base thing to despair. 1764 *GOLDSM. Trav.* 64 But where to find that happiest spot below, Who can direct, when all pretend to know? 1865 DICKENS *Mut. Fr.* iv. iii, What's the good of my pretending to stand out, when I can't help myself? 1886 [E. H. DERING] *In Light of 20th Cent.* iv. 85 'If you would only... look at the question without prejudice...' 'Prejudice! I like that, when you are full of prejudices about it.'

b. In adversative sense: While on the other hand, while on the contrary, whereas.

†In quot. c.1489 = although.  
1297 R. GLOUC. (Rolls) 7770 Hii wolde euer abbe ynou, wanne þe pouere adde wo. c.1489 *CANTON Sonnes of Amon* vi. 153 And when the kyng gaaf you not his suster but a simple damoyssel, yet oughte you to beleve him. a.1568 *ASCHAM Scholem.* ii. (Arb.) 145 To follow rather the Gothes in Ryming, than the Greekes in trow versifying, were euen to eate ackornes with swyne, when we may freely eate wheate bread emonges men. 1610 SHAKS. *Temp.* ii. i. 139 You rub the sore, When you should bring the plaister. a.1654 *SELDEN Table-T.* (1689) 26 Little things do great works, when great things will not. 1725 *RAMSAY Gentle Sheph.* iv. ii, An estate like yours yields bare content, when we but pike it scantily on the bent. 1836 *MARSHALL Japhet* lviii, I received fifty shillings, when I ought to have received, at least, ten pounds. 1888 F. HARRISON *Cromwell* vi. 118 He was solemnly debating a treaty, when he never intended to keep any treaty at all.

III. Indefinite and substantial uses.

†10. a. *adv.* At some time (only OE. with *nū, seld(um)*); *when* and *when*, at one time and another, now and then. *Obs.* rare.

c.900 tr. *Beda's Hist.* ii. i. (1890) 94 He nu hwoonne on pam ilcan bið on wuldræ ariseð mid opum hyrdum þære halgan cyricean. c.1470 *HARDING Chron.* cxli. iv, And Scottes also that false wer when and when.

b. As the second element of a compound: see ANYWHEN, AYWHEN, ELSEWHEN, EVERYWHEN, NOWHEN, SELD-when, SOMEWHEN.

11. as *sb.* The time at which something happens (or did or will happen): = time when (see 7); also *vaguely*, Time, duration.

Often conjoined with *where* or *how* similarly used.  
1616 B. JONSON *Egipz.* xxxiii. Wks. 777 Thou art but gone before, Whither the world must follow. And I, now, Breathe to expect my *when*, and make my *how*. 1765 *STERNE Tr. Shandy* VII. xxi, The gardener... troubled his head very little with the *how* and *when* of life. 1819 *SHELLEY Ode to Heaven* 6 Deep, immeasurable vast, Which art now, and which wert then Of the Present and the Past, Of the eternal Where and When. 1864 *NEWMAN Apol.* vl. 362, I have very little reason to doubt about the issue of things, but the when and the how are known to him. 1867 *CARTLIE E. Irving* in *Remin.* (1881) 101 The *when* of my first call there I do not now remember. 1885 *TENNYSON Anc. Sage* 104 Thin minds, who creep from thought to thought, Break into